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On Merch 3, 1909, at Shanghai, the wife of On March 12, 900; at Hanyang, Hankow, to he R.v. and Mrs. S. GRANT DAMS, a son, On March 13, 1909, at Nauking, the wife of Engineer-Lieutenant E. P. ST. JOHN BANN, RIN. of a daughter.

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MARRIAGE. FORSYTH-MOIR -- On the 24th March, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. F. Toboson, M.A., GEORGE GRANVILLE. SUTHEREXND, youngest son of the late Rev. W. Forsyth, D.D., of Abarnethy, Strathspay, N.B. ito: MARQUERITE WELIZABETHAN elder. Idaughter of the late Frank Moir, Esq., of Dundee, N.B.

On the sath inst. at his residence No. Chancery Lane, Hongkong, CHARLES CLE-MENT WHOLTERS, aged 29 years. Australian and Shanghai papers please copy. On March 15, 1909, at Shanghai, CONSTAN-TINO JOSE LOPES, aged 61 years, the beloved. husband of Olympia Lopes.

Lie Mongkong Celegrap!

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CHINESE SEAMEN ON BRITISH VESSELS.

(22nd March.)

Among the many interesting questions

effecting the local shipping community considered at the last meeting of the General Committie of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce was one dealing with the question of discharge certificates to "Chinese seamen signing on and being discharged in the Colony in ships on the home run." It may be remembered that last year'd strong in Hongkong have been regaled with the agitation was promoted in England by un-speciacle of what may be described as an. we may take it that the local combanies will employed British sailors who objected to the lice campaign, the chief antagonist ship was due to leave port, that they were Cardiff and elsewhere when Chinese seamen air and the dearth of British sailors was the

issued at home—with an amended from sheet, lies avai claims that it can manufacture and merchant unless transacting business, buy membered that the article is already consuch as I suggest should be employed here selly ide att reduced rates and selling merchandise, in his own alderably projected by the tariff, and if the only for ships on the Home run, at present, we have not the slightest sides, nor the firm name and appear on the license." 2,700 bales, might be protected, the coarse, as, until the Chinese understand them, there do, the rival companies seem to advertise. That would at a first glance seem to inwould be considerable difficulty in using the selling rate, but we scarcely think it can dicate that only an individual can constitute | Owing to the post bellum development. Mr. them'on the hast. On the Home run most he below that existing at present in Hong and that the other partners will not Buto proceeded, even the gassed yarn trade is of the difficulties do not exist and the new kong. What wer would diraw the altention be recognised as belonging to that firm, at present suffering somewhat from an accuform would be of great use at home ports, of feaders to is the noteworthy statement or which is a reductio ad absurdum. The court mulation of stock, so that a raising of the more especially in view of the linguage test. rather declaration of the chairman as follows; might as well have settled the question what rate would not for the time being have any litthese forms are approved and instituted. A most important fact that I wish to bring would in future be considered a firm. If it serious effect, but when the home demand. it will be advisable that similar forms be to your molice is, that im your directors held that only a certain individual should be lincreased the raised rate would at once used at other Far Hastern, ports in order obluton there is not room for two ice com- recognised by the Government as the firm, linjure the other thread industries by raising that there may be uniformity, and also that panies in Shanghal where consumption of and that the other parties whose capital was the cost of labout. Continuing, Mr. Buto their full value may be obtained, for they ice in any substantial duantity goes on for invested in the firm were unknown and said that cotton yarn might be regarded as a would lose much of their usefulness if res-only about four months in the year. The would therefore be unrecognised by the manufacture as compared with raw cotton. tricted to but one port." No doubt the compliny we represent then that would put a different but it was a raw material in regard to textile cult to see how it could be carried out always likes been, and are now; fully able to ner, would claim to be officially recognised live years Japan has exported cotton yarn effectively in practice. To begin, with appropriate and to benefit by the provisions of the laws to the value of Y30,000,000 a year, but the machinery necessary would be large ide originating from Shanghal, and why it But all we are told is that the autho- cotton textile fabrics only at the rate of and expensive if every Chinese seaman of was thought necessary of politic to start an rities will in future exercise a close V15,000,000 a year. Such being the case, local origin had to be registered locally opposition I do not know. I may add that scruting to determine the bond fider of to raise the duty on cotton yarn would be to declarations would be infinitesimal. The and sellice as in former years, notwithstand- that there may be several partners in a labrics. The business men might get some; system has been tried in the case of bank- ing the very low prices charged both by our firm and that each partner is entitled to be I temporary gain through protection, but it ruptcy petitions, with what success readers selves and the Oriental Ice Company, Our recognised as a partner we cannot see where, would unquestionably prove disadvantageous can judge for themselves. When the pro- future course of action will, and must be, of the sarcasm about 19 partners having 95 to them in the long run. Mr. Buto might position was placed before the Chamber of course dependent on circumstances, and I children between them can apply. The have added some remarks with reference to Secretary, the General Committee expressed terest to be looked after by your directors." was a smooth trick to defeat the immigra- death in Hongkoog, and is almost forthe belief that the concensus of opinion So that it is the opinion of those who should tion laws, the 'partnership of 19', in many gotten in Shanghai, but he was content to among shipowners at home was that the know whereof they speak that there is not cases being formed for the sole purpose of give the figures, and it certainly seems as anticipated. The Committee were of the that be the case with regard to Shanghai with swelled the ranks of the coolies after arrival on raw material as well as on goods comopinion that the idea was impracticable its large and widening population how does in the Philippines." There is no proof of ing under the designation of food stuffs. when applied to Chinese seamen, and if the remark apply to Hongkong? The quest that whatever, and we can scarcely bring should prevail. he prime difficulty about brought into force on the China Coast would | tion is one which may be left to the con- ourselves, to believe that such an obvious | tariff reform is that it does not lend itself to be a decided disadvantage to British Ship. Sideration of readers, for until further particu- trick would have been allowed to a policy of chopping and changing. For ping in obtaining labour. The Committee lars are known of the local companies affairs pass muster for so many years. But example the legislature might well fancy that were therefore not prepared to support the inwould be absurd to offer a definite reply. It I that is not all. We read that "the after a period of successive rich harvests of scheme. We are of opinion that the Committee's view will be sustained by the ship factories in Hongkongare not more favourably that manufacturers and restaurant keepers tariff on that product. But immediately ping community generally, although, at the situated than those operating in Shanghai. are not to be considered as merchants." same time, the efforts of the Harbour Master

IN PROZEN REGIONS.

in this direction are worthy of every com-

(23rd March.) Within the last few weeks householders

mendation.

engagement of Chinese crews while they aimed at in the contest being the directors of the Northern undertaking were were overlooked. It was charged that Chi- old established company which dates from not too hopeful that the opposition now be nese sailors were preferred by shipping the time when ice was brought to Hongkong ling encountered would disappear without agencles and shipowners because of their in American vessels. Those were the days still wither efforts being made by the new willingness to accept less than the when a few centi here or there mattered ordinary rate of wages and that, therefore, little to the opulent residents and when the British scamen were being ousted at a time question of purity was regarded as of little when the country was clamouring for crews account. The ice, as a matter of fact, came the lesson is an instructive one and should of British nationality on British vessels. In from the great lakes and the frozen north and reply to that allegation, it was claimed that was stored in the codown which was among the icy warfare now proceeding in Hongthe wages paid Chinese crews was in the the first to be crected in the Colony and kong. aggregate equal to that paid to British sea. Still constitutes the chief depot, of the elder ... men and various advantages, were detailed company. Recently a new concern has William A MERCHANIALS NOT A clear, however, that despite the acknow as accruing from the engagement of Chi- come into being, and as it requires ice in the nese. In the first place, it was argued manufacture of its particular product it that the Chinese were far more amenable! decided to enter the field which had predepended on, that they did not cause disc was a rapid fall in the retail price of this | dents the Supreme Court of the American summer months and the inauguration of a which will have the effect of still further British seamen, however, were obdurate in those concerns, such as the hotels, shipping although the writer no doubt knew all the claiming what they held to be their rights companies and others, which use the manu- ins and outs of the case—it appears that the and it will be in the recollection of readers | factured article in large quantities. Naturally | question of the immigration of Chinese as interested in shipping affairs that serious we are not in a position to declate to what referred to the Supreme Court concerned a disturbances occurred in London, Liverpool, extent the younger company is capable of Chinaman who claimed to be a merchant continuing the contest, but everybody but was simply designated an unregistered were found to be signing on for outward knows that the premier firm is equipped lapourer by the Collector of Customs. A volvages in preference to the ordinary British | with ample reserves to dispute the right of | man whose name is given as Lim Co-, he pretars. At a time when protection was in the any competitor to reduce the price of ice sumption is that he belonged to the Lim Comheyand the cost of production(Whether I play was arrested and brought before the subject; of general lament the cause of the either of the companies can afford to sell ice lower court under the deportation law. He demonstratora was espoused by a very con at the rate of half a cent per lb. is outside our claimed to be a merchant owning a pancisiderable section of Lritish public opinion. knowledge, and, indeed, it is not within our ligita whatever that may be and interested. The Government thereupon took the matter | province to discuss what is really a matter that | in a vermicelli factory. Reading between the up and it was decided that something should | primarily concerns the shareholders of the lines, it would seem that the man was one cropped up, for it became manifest that dis- kong at a ridiculously low rate and from all, considered himself, entitled to be described abilities could not be imposed by legislation appearances it seems probable that the price, as a merchant. At all events the judge on Chinese of British nationality as a sop to will remain below the normal cost for some fruied that the Chinaman was entitled to rethe susceptibilities of the men born in the time to come. Such a condition of things main in the Philippines. The Collector of of command as rendered in Briglish, while working had proved far from satisfactory and coming Chinesel. An everybody in the Far That was done by legislative enactment but of the matter when he declared that the paually there are half a dozen or more who. mobithing for a seaman of British-Chinese set up by a new company, the Oriential Ice entered business on a scale calculated to origin to sell his discharge to another who' Company. No attempt was made to attri- produce larger profits and lead to greater

file. I attach a cancelled form—one of those price that does not paythe older from although the rule is said down that no Chinese is a should be raised. It must, however, be re-

the Colony itself there is at least one great difficulties and we can only say it is regretestablishment which manufactures its own table that a case of such importance has ice for consumption by its patrons. So as been treated in such a perfunctory manner the future course of action by the Shanghal by the press of Manila. Company will be dependent on cifcumstances. adopte a faimliar attitude. Apparently the entrant to capture the trade, for they waived all the fees due to them, and thus reduced the debit balance to some \$356 lae al. But not be jost on those who are interested in

MBRCHANT. Not content with restricting the immigrato discipline than those of purely British viously been the sole preserve of its rival. | tipn of Chinese into the Philippine Islands. oligin, that their services, were always to be. The immediate result of the competition to bona-fide merchants, travellers and stuorder or delay by failing to appear when a most necessary article, during the coming dependency has hanced down a decision not given to desertion at intermediate norts | strenuous spirit of rivalry. From the house | limiting the number, of Chinese who are enof call, and that they were efficient and cap; holder's point of view the opening of this titled to admissionato the archipelago. able seamen against whom no just cause of commercial contest has proved highly satis- From the report which, appears in one of figures and lowed to stick to the wall for neglected to adhibit his or her signature and complaint could be made except by: Trades factory, and it is not difficult to judge how our Manila contemporaries a report so the present. What is interesting to note are address to the document, has taken the Unionists and others of that kidney. I he the cheapened cost of ice is regarded by condensed that it is difficult to understand, the arguments against fresh tariffs advanced trouble to send us a prayer which if we disbe done in the interest of British's a against rival companies. It is sufficient for the of a number of merchants who were all part of commodities in the Empire would natural people are not in the habit of paying postage, Chinese crews. But here a new difficulty moment that ice is being obtained in Hong ners in the same firm, and that he therefore mother-country, In other words, the Chin- is of course viewed with complacency by the Customs, however, took the case to the proceeds to argue that were the duty something in view. In the words of a ese scamen hailing from Hongkong and ordinary resident, but that it will continue in higher tribunal, which reversed the decision on imported rice raised, the agriculturists Singspore could not possibly be brought definitely we cannot believe. We have been of the lower court, and offered certain drastic might be more or less protected, but pelled to ask "What's the game?" And within the limits of any Act which was led to make these remarks by the perusal dicts of the most radical character, utterly the progress of industries in general would then again about that great joy we are to antagonistic to their rights as citizens of a speech delivered by the chairman of the changing the tone and intention of the law be checked by the rise in the cost of labour. of the British Empire. It would be Shanghai Ice, Cold torage and Refrigeration as it has been interpreted in the past. We Similarly, the raising of the duty on machidifficult to impose the language test on Co., Ltd., at the tenth ordinary general leave the case of the individual but of the mery might assist the Japanese iron works, ally arrives at the end of the month—the an acknowledged British subject and the meeting of shareholders, held at Shanghai | question, because it is beyond the stage of but business requiring machinery would be dates fit in exactly—or are we to assume only method of restricting the employment on the 15th inst. It was a most dolorous consideration now. What is important are linconvenienced, and the increased cost, he that the great calamity implies a visit from of Chinese other than British subjects story that the chairman, Mr. A. D. Lowe, the exceptional mestrictions which will now, might have added, would probably lead the bailiff and blank bankruptcy if we fail to was to require them to understand the words had to tell because the result of the year's in all probability, be enforced against in manufacturers to defer giving orders unless do what we are told? These promises and the Brilish, Chinese should be required to the statement of accounts made a poor show. Bast knows, it is seldon that a Chinese hong incressitated their installation. Coming to school-children, but can there be anybody proye their nationality and place of origin. ing. The speaker holdly went to the root consists metely, of one or two partners; a trade question which is of more particular, and unsophisticated in Hongkong of all places difficulties still remained. It is no uncome adverse result was due to the competition have relubbed their capital, together and to have dealt with the spinning industry. Old Moore has been on the same track for is a Chinese subject and it has been left for bute the debit balance of over a thousand expansion than would be the case were piesent duty on imported gassed yarn is the sub, moon, and stars and curiously the Harbour Master, Commander, Basil tack to depression in trade or anything of every man to start on his own account Variso, while on other kind it is Vra. The enough nothing has happened, except a few-Taylor, to apply the Continuous Discharge, that sort, Indeed the chairman distinctly as a pelty trader, Formerly, each mem persons, interested in the gassed yarn busi- incidents which Old Moore either neglected. Certificates, instituted in 1900 to Hong- said: "You will most of you undoubtedly ber of a firm was understood to have the ness may desire a still higher rate; but the or forgot to mention. This endless chainkong, to be applied to Chincie seamen en- have noticed of late in the reports of the right to claim admission for his children; other spinning industries do not require even letter business has been denounced by every aged on home vessels and discharged in speeches of chairmen of various industrial That is to say, as our contemporary puts it; the existing rate. Taking the month of Do thinking person since it was inaugurated by this Colony These certificates contain a companies that they refer to their poor re- its fitting consisted of pineteen people each cember last, it is found that the total output a gang of schemers several years ago, when "virtual history" of the bolder's sea service, suits owing to the very general and almost member was supposed to be entitled to land of yarns in Japan was 77,076 bales made up it went under the name of the lisnowball

THE TABILL QUESTION IN JAHAN

As in Great Britain, the question of tarif

(24th March,)

vision is exercising the minds of the more intelligent section of the commercial world in Japan and, it is apparent that the utmost diversity of opinion exists on the subject. For months the question has been under discussion, and the Japanese newspapers have been filled with pro and con views which have only tended to reader the isituation more obscure than ever. It is ledged necessity of raising additional revenue for the Imperial exchequer there is considerable body of influential opinion opposed to the imposition of fresh taxation on imports, on the sound principle that it is nut the foreign exporter but the local consumer who ultimately has to bear the brunt of the increased cost of the articles imported. Such, of course, is not the view of the tariff reformer as he is known in England but that by the managing director of the well-known I tribute it to nine different persons on nine Kanegaluchi Spinning Company. According | successive days will bring us great joy and to the report of an interview with Mr. Buto avert a great calamity. Now we have no Sanji, the director in question, which has objection to prayers, que prayers, but we appeared in the vernacular press of Japan, want to know what the prayers are about. At it would be a mistake to attempt to secure | first we were inclined to disregard the comprotection of local industries by the mid of munication, believing it to be some form of tariff, more especially under existing con- a practical joke on the part of persons unditions. Japan, he says, has no great natural, known, but when we glanced at the superresources, and her people are labouring scription and discovered that we were adunder heavy national burdens. Any raising | dressed in terms so grandiloquent and juncture would therefore simply have the vaded a cool and critical atmosphere we felt "! effect of causing a decline of prosperity. If that there must be some reason for this disimports had to pay larger duties, the prices play of superfluous courtesy. To begin with. general decrease of the exports owing to the and conditions of people without some increased cost of raw, materials, If the reason behind it. Even the lady or gen? country is not to be shut to the other Powers | tleman who wishes a whole community she should not adopt a system of protection. to pray for nothing in particular must have

the requirements of the factories absolutely | threats may appeal to servant-maids and interest to Hongkong, Mr. Buto is reported who gives a second consideration to them? a subject which it may be presumed he years, predicting the end of the world, the has at his finger tips. He stated that the downfall of dynastics, the disappearance of "virtual history" of the holder's sea service, and Mr. Taylor stated in a letter to the universal depression of all branches of trade, his Ismily in the Islands of It the average of Colonial Secretary that I'm order to adapt the system to Chinese it will be necessary that reason for the poor results of th two photographs, one (ull face and one in pro- which, it appears has been retailing lot at a course desire the true duty on the imported article stave besid there is probably more in the

He added in his official communications profit. What the real process of business. The rate were raised although the gassed yarn I suggest that these forms should be used summer essential to comfort may be merchant's hame must be incorporated in industry, the monthly output of which is only idea is excellent in theory but it is diffi. Cold Storage and Reirigeration Company, laspect on the matter. For then each part- | labrics. On the average, during the past and even then the safeguard against false the Chinese ice dealers continue to gather any partnership. Then if it is admitted increase the cost of the material for textile Commerce at the instance of the Colonial would ask the shareholders to leave their, in contemporary we have quoted says: "It the lottery scheme which died a sudden new system had not resulted in the benefits room for two ice companies in Shanghai. It | gaining admission to a horde of boys who | If his arguments against any increased duty must be remembered, however, that the ice | Supreme Court, in its decision, also holds | rice it would be advisable to increase the bad seasons arrived and the home-grown Both Macan and Cantoh have their ice Then, we ask, under what category do they rice crops failed to meet the requirements. plante; a large proportion of the steamships come? Are they merely travellers or of the people, the heavy dues on imported calling at Hongkong have their own instal. students or are they to be reduced to the rice would entail great misery on that very lations for the production of ice and even in status of coolies? The question bristles with section of the people which could least afford. to pay high prices for one of the necessities. of Oriental-life. Then If the tariff wall were demolished, the cycle of depression to agric cultural poverty might pass and the whole question of tariff revision would have to be reconsidered. In connection with this question of obtaining increased revenue by enhance." ing the duties on imported goods: In this connection, it is reasonable to inquire whether Japan is thoroughly satisfied that her system of subsidies to Japanese, steamship companies. is entirely satisfactory. We learn that the Japanese Government propose to expend a sum of no less than 7,263,148 yen in the shape of subsidies to foreign-going vessels. Of that sum 3,2 8,193 will bo given towards the maintenance of the European services, 3,447,977 for North American services, and 601,978 for South American services. These subsidies come out of the packers of the people unless our economic theory is at fault, but the Japanese Government is committed to the principle of subsidies, and so there the matter rests.

> THE GOVERNMENT'S DOTY-IN-"SNOWBALL" LETTER SCHEMES.

Some kind and thoughtful person who the. Customs, tariff, at this particular majestic that the blush extraordinary period rise, and there would naturally be a on batches of letters addressed to all sorts experience at the end of the pine days.

plan than meets the eye. In the meantime under the terms of the Blamese Code. I we would suggest that the Government take its true that when a Ruropean British subject immediate steps to empower the Post Office Department to refuse delivery of these pestilential circulars, Otherwise, an already heavily handicapped and harassed branch of the Civil Service will be worked to death. There is every reason to bolieve that the and all British sights to British Justice will be hysterical and absurd section of the community will respond to the ridiculous call and inundate the Post Office with its drivellings. Already the Department has as much to do as it can well manage to cope with kind it would be ridicalourte permit the numburings of half formed minds to monopolise the legitimate work of the officials to the detriment of public business and commercial necessities. The Govern ment has full power to deal with these "endless chain" letter schemes and it will be failing in its duty to public convenience and disregarding the rights of the trading community if it neglects to put an official embargo on all letters of this description at the varliest moment.

BRITAIN'S SUBSTANCE FOR SIAM'S SHADOW.

(25th March.) ...

The trite remark, which frequently does duty as argument, that the "man on the spot" less capable of taking a detached view of diplomatic questions which affect him personally than he who surveys the scene from a distake will impulationably be employed by the Foreign Office when the new treaty between Great Britain and Slam is ratified. It is proby bias and prejudice rather than guided by lacity of judge. the wider spirit of the national west, but it . All appeals lie to the Bangkok Court of Apwill scarcely be denied that in the pre- peal, in which judgments are to be signed by sent instance Siam appears to have made & two European Judges. 29 better bargain than she could have expect- 1- Hanceforward British subjects will be reed. Brirfly, under the new treaty, which has lieved of the restrictions upon the holding of to be ratified. Stam agrees to cede to landed property, etc. They will be subject to parties which the United Kingdom here suzerainty over ordinary taxation, to the states of Kedah, Kelnutan and Trin- From that synopsis, it will be seen that Great ganha in return for the power to exercise juris. Britain foregoes, many, of the privileges, she diction over all British subjects resident in has enjoyed in Slam, while the compensaher right of extra-territoriality which has work- at. When it is remembered that there are ed sitisfactorily for many years, and has had some 7,000 Asiatic British subjects in Siam the approval of every British subject who has and several hundred European Britishers in of trust money, through the deficiency. The defendant replied excusing were going to bring up fresh charges the case had de dings with the British Court in Bangkok it will be understood that the prokok and elsawhore, for the possession of the I tion cannot be dismissed lightly, particularly three Summer states over which the Govern- when it is remembered that many of the largest into the bands of such a department as that of duced by the free use of opium and of curdled the defendant replied, and once more no settle- being responsible for the deficiency in postage ment of Siam has held but shadowy dominion | undertakings financed by British capital and sincathe present dynasty was founded. For the | operated by British labour have been estab-Jast couple of decades. Siam has been making I lished in the belief that extra-territoriality in straunous efforts to become a secognised force in the international affairs of the Far East, and taking Japan as her model has been intent on setting her house in order, introducing Western methods of administration in every department. forming her arm, and navy on modern lines. with European instructors for the army and European navigators and engineers in the pavy. The Siamene bench has had the advice of a edly by a new spirit of eighteousness and glory. Japanese judge, while her legal interests have has had in circulation among the members of been protected by an American jurist as adviser | the Civil Service and the Police Force a docu-Slamese capital? There are only, three raighs of these provinces have employed every occasions to forward the tribute demanded as ap avidence of their feudalism. If Siam had states in order to compel their allegiance and I to the Chinase skilles will be their portion, I then was a pretty pickle. These states were against it might not have been so acuta ... Ru

is a party to a suit a Ruiopean advisar-not macestarily a Britisher-will sit as judge, and that in appeal cases the fodgments will be signed by two European judges, but that can only be considered a temporary arrangement. The thir and of the wadge has been inserted abolished as soon as Slam, feels strong enough or tan offer sufficient inducement to secure that end, " Is it to be wondered at that the Ruropead B.Mish subjects in Siam feet raw on the subject? They see them. selves and their property committed to the I tender mercles of Signiese justice and their I rights fliched away from them by dipiomatic methods in which they had no voice. At present the precise terms of the treaty are unknown, but an official statement has been issued by the General Advisor to the Siamese Government in the following terms:-

The objects of the treaty are, first, to settle political questions in the Malay Peninsula. and secondly, in view of the altered conditions which have arises in the last to years; to make changes in the system of jurisdiction over British subjects in Siam.

As to jurisdiction, all British subjects registered in the British Constilates before the date of the treaty are subject to the international Courts-Courts which have been in operation and ... exercised ... [urisdiction ... over .. British subjects in the north for 25 a years. All British subjects registered after the date of the treaty are subject to the jurisdiction of the ordinary Siamore Courts. When the Siamere the jurisdiction of the ordinary Courts, National Vision

Guarantees, are, provided in the form of Ruropean advisors in all cases in aither class

That means that Great Britain waives tibe she will receive in return is scarcely hinted Siam was certain to retivate an assured asset.

GUARDING THE MORALS OF s a Government officials:

We have learned with no little susprise and astonishment that within the last few days the Government of Hongkong, animated undoubtand a British Attorney-General; the financial | ment which, if it contains all the insucendoes department has been under the control of related to us on what we are constrained to and 25,000 letters written. The alacrity with I glass of the same, or were they kept in ignorance | went with Mr. Martin to the defendant's British financial experts lent by the Indian believe is good authority, is calculated to Government, men of recognised ability who lead to indignant and insubordinate views the Public Trustee shows it is ments and allowed to invest their surplus appeared some time whater only to fod have completely re-organised the finances of on the part of these individuals who have submitted that the fees are fair and reasons savings in the qual forms of stimulant? So the visitors. The detective told the defendant the country, increased the revenue, established | no option but to sign it, "by order." The able. It has been found, however, that the far as we can discover, there is no the object of his visit; he said he was going to the currency on a gold basis, and introduced subject dealt with in this precious docu- minimum fees (&5 capital fee, and tos. of curdled, milk in Mr. Cie- arrest him, and asked whether he consented to innumerable reforms which could never have ment is scarcely a savoury one to air in income fee) are too high where really small mentils report and until full particulars are be searched. Defendant turned out the conbeen worked out by the Blamese themselves; the public press, as it selers to a condition of sums are involved, and they are to be reduced added on this point the report must neces; tents of his pockets and produced a number of the railway system has been organised and affairs which is to be deplored although at the to fr and 2s. 6d. respectively. The Public sarily be considered incomplete. Moreover, stamps—some clean, some defaced. operated by an exceedingly capable staff of same time the causes which have led in the Trustee has been able to reassure many there is no delicacy to compare with curdled to it was obvious. Mr. Bowley went on to re Germans. who: however, have usually fol- past to this condition have largely lain with the | beneficiaries who were anxious about milk as Mr. Donald Norman Reid shows. The mark, that clean stamps could always realize lowed the principle of keeping "their ain; Government itself. It is impossible to be I their trust funds. In some cases the Romans went in for peacocks tongues, pigeone, their face value, while defaced quee, had a sea-fish for their ain sea-maws"; while most mealy-mouthed over the matter however one announced; intention to demand an audit brains and titbits of that sort, while the Chin- market value for collectors. Not all of the of the other countries with possibly the ex- , might desire to gloss, it over. Accordingly brought evasive or contentious trustees to a ese are known to regard sharks' fine and birds. stamps were recovered, and it must be borne continn of France, which has attended strict to put it bluntly, the circular refers to the reached proper accounts. I nest soup as luxuries, but have they ever heard of in mind that the Australian parcels reached ly to the duty of safeguarding, the interests question of concubinage among members of in referring to this subject, the Bingapore Free | opium and curdled milk ? These Beharis, says | the Post Office several days before and the of her nationals and protoger, have had represent the Civil Service and the Police Force. For Press has some exceedingly interesting remarks | Mr. D. N. Reid, consider a dish of curds "the defendant had time to convert them into cash, sentatives in the various official departments reasons unknown, the Government has arrived which apply quite as fittingly to Hongkong as height of bliss." At this stage it will be His excuse was that he had picked up the prepared to assist the Government of Siam in at the bellef, which is either unjust to the Parcels Depart. her desire to become a luminary in the firma- respectable and honourable officials attached stally. In suggesting that the system of Public I tather stale like the curds "Chacun a son ment of Oriental nations. All along Siam has, to the departments in question, or is an evil | Trustees should be extended to the Crown Corecognised that so long as extra-territoriality existing to such an extent that it should have flories in the Far East our contemporary is not content merely to state a fact; he to deal with the case summarily. existed her efforts at self-government-using long since been suppressed, that a proportion observes that the idea is a strengthened the term in its widest sense-were to a larger of the men maintain mistresses, who cannot be by the fact that the European community to the liberal-minded Chinese, Why not degree thwarted and it has been her purpose linguity recognised but who, nevertheless, in I in the Straits Settlements; and falso, in to get sid of this handicapping condition at the certain continuencies, may become a burden on Hongkong is as a rule more or less temporary the Straits Settlements to Behar to be taught least possible cost. The question was: What the Government or at least a nuisance to the I in its period of residence in tropics. And even has Sign to offer in exchange for the rights relieving staff. We may have some faint idea in the cases where two or even three genera- use of opium? These Chinamen would be useenjoyed by the Powers represented at the as to how this belief originated but it has nothed tions of a family have been identified with one ing to do with the case. In any event, some I of other of the Colonies it will have been found countries whose extra-territorial powers are cop- highly moral individual, whose unctuous that the ladividuals have spent their youth in period being the favourite food of John Chinaatantly being exercised... Great Britain, France rectitude is beyond cavil, and who has an Hugland, carry on the most of their commercial and, to a lesser extent, Germany. The British parently been studying the doings of the cial or professional career in the Colony, and Court is daily occupied with cases in which Agapemone and Smyth-Pigott's "Abode of then again retire to England, Even in these British subjects are concerned, both in civil Love," has framed a formidable document, I cases there is a discontinuity of residence. In and, criminal actions, and it is presided over | which is nothing more or less than an indict. I the cases where merely an individual is in by a judge of experience and acumen, while the | ment against the morality of the entire force | question, residence may average no more than bar is represented by English lawyers who have | of Civil Servants and Constabulary. Of course | a very few years, because a very large number passed through the Inns of Court. In the this interesting document makes no assertions of the young men who come here remain per-French Court there is less business, the -the document, as we understand it, is far too hips for only one term of engagement, and questions dealt with being mostly concerned cleverly drawn up for that-but it requires that I some of them not even so long as that When with titles to property; while the German Court | all the officials, in the departments we have this more or less temporary character of Euroseldom has occasion to sit more than once a referred to shall promise that from now and pean connection with the Colony is considered, a neglection, so much, indeed, that space forbids It was necessary, then, to induce benceforth they shall not be guilty of main- I it will be understood that the tendency for man Great Britain to give up her advantages in re- taining an establishment which is not of a l who think of satiring to Regland after living and turn for a quid pro que which could be accepted | strictly proper character. In other words, it is I working here, must be to realise their interests without loss of prestige, in order that the other | suggested that the officials spend their spare | and transfer them to England when they finally Powers might be induced to follow suit. For sime enjoying themselves in questionable ways. I depart. Where there might be some induceseveral years past, the British Government, Perhaps the Government may dispute that I ment to continue holding property or other one way or another, has been acquiring a- view, but it certainly is the view of those officials | interests here must always arise the question. growing ascendancy in the Malay and Slameso | who lead an unblemished life and against States either directly, or through the madum whom mot the faintest whisper of indecorous of resident ministers and private commer conduct could be made. How a Governcial interests. The Government of Slam ment which has not shown itself particularly sumed by some personal friend in England. It has been vainly endeavouring to stoure interested in athical ideas should have arrived the undisputed sovereignty of the foudal states i at such a position as to dictate what man of of Kedah. Kelantan and Tringannu, but the probity should not do it is difficult to conceive. There are no exceptions made as to those who means in their power to bold themselves in I shall for shall not sign this momentous dependent and have even refused on several. effusion: every member of the combined departments must adhibit bls signature. What pains and penalties await those who refuse to been strong enough she would have undoubted. I sixn it we cannot tell; but presumably nothing ly sent expeditions to these recalcitrant less than the most fearful punishments known reduce them to the position of inferior tribu- may be taken for granted, however, that the of interest prevailing, here. Our contemp taries. But Sinen had neither the power nor coffcials will sign the circular, just as they were the money to spend on such incursions and the compelled to sign away the funds which they had rajaba have consistently refused to recognise | accumulated under the old Widows and Or-by these semi-independent chiefs and their the uplifting of the younger and wilder mem. the department, that any additional dulles The latter describes the peners and clubbed. Materally, his wilder mem. advice has been received and acted upon even | bern of the departments the received a blow on when, it did not coincide with the principles liend the lives of the berees of Boccaccio's enunciated by the Slamese Government, Here | Decemeron on Spoor Styn a month-the feeling a thorn in the side of Siam; they, were, of | when men with many years, pusulled service, practically no value to the suseraid power; the | whose lives are open for all to scrutiniss, are proclamations of the Government were ridiculed | also indicated as being on what may be termed: and ignored; they were a source of continual | the suspect list, it can easily be andershood trouble, and, vexation, ... Why : not get sid of that deep indignation should have been aroused. this shadowy dominion for the solid substance | If the Government was invariable immeguies; we sency, would not be the case, because the parcels in the safe, On the solid substance | If the Government was invariable immeguies; we sency, would not be the case, because the parcels in the safe, On the solid substance | selfourned contil technology, bell being collowed of extra-territoriality? Why not hand the states and adopted measures to protect, the ordinary over to Great Britain, which did actually exercise | citizen against the wiles and abandon of foreign power over the relaha, and regala the right, invaders, the matter would not have been so which was essential to the standing and reputa- | singular, But the reverse is the case, Even tion of the Blamese judicial system ! Whether | if the Government had limited its degree to the these were the arguments which, judgeed the young nameried bloods of the service there Government of Siam to enter into negotiations, would have been little to carp ati. But as it

THE QUESTION OF PUBLIC TRUSTEBS.

(soil Melch) press with regard to the operations of newly-constituted office of Public Chuistes bich was established in Edgland for the poore of relieving unwilling executors of rden nieced upon them by departed riviseds. The office was opened on this jenutry, 1905/ so that it might be considered there was: sufficient time to judge of the usefulness: plecticity of this new dispertitions; but as matter of fact the results have thempso tonishing, that the conly, wonder is the was mot wetablished | long ago. Within twelve months dealt with in the report three hundred and twenty-five estates of an aggregate value of over two millions starling. have come under the Public Trustee's care and already turny people have given him estice that he is to be appointed selectector in their wills, and the capital value of the estatus cover-

ed by these notifications is no less than Lippoopoop. As a contemporary points out, it has thus taken a very short, time for the public to begin to apprehend the advantages of re- during the discussions which have lately been of the Superintendent of Registration. There course to a Public Trustee, a functionary wao, being permanent by the assered succession of the poppy and the eradication of the opium him. On the day in question Mr. Martin the am unbroken line of suture spoumbents, can never die or break down or default in his deale I thropists -- et other people's expense -- care to | that one of the parcel boxes had not been securely inge with the Trusts committed to the charge | go beyond the financial aspect of the question | fastened and he drew the clerks attention to of the department. The Public Trustee is, to as it affects this Colony. It is, therefore, with it. The box was re-opened and re-packed. all intents and purposes, an official detached a feeling akin to joy that we abandon dull and it was then discovered that we anather of from the Court of Chancery, and it is his platitudes for the roby dreams and suggestions | the parcels were deficient in stamps, the codes are completed, this distinction will dis. duty so actuas quardism of children and of a gentleman who evidently knows what he May Bowley pointed out at this identise appear and all British subjects will be under Toung persons under age, settle questions at la talking about . No prostic rhodomontade that no receipt could be given for furnied to their education, clothing, holidays, amuse, about his ideat. .. He hits the nail on the head percels unless the proper amount of stamps ments, pocket money and indeed to act in Loco | with such force that the reader is amazed at the | was affixed, otherwise the counter clark had parentle to those left under his charge. That result. Some people might be inclined to to make up the deficiency. While the Lowof Courts where British subjects are defendants | the duties of the official designated Public | fancy that the writer of the suggestions to don insurance parcel box was being re-packed. | ed under the Counter near the Registration. bably true that where an individual's personal or accused. When a Ruropean British subt. Trustee will prove of a most operate which we will call attention in a moment be pursued at was noticed that three marchle. Department. otheris are concerned he should be moved ject is a party, the edviser will sit in the cap. Cult character can easily be understood, for to intends to be funny. That is not so; he is quite [Nos. -- to5] of to7 and to 100) were widefined by the Grown Solicitor witness. him will be left the investment of monies com. | clearly most prodigiously in camest—which, of | clearly in postage stamps to a the nextent | said that the letter written by the Postmaster mitted to his charge as sole executor of an | course, is next door to unconscious humour, of \$4, which was made up as follows :- to defendant asking for an explanation referred estate. None will appreciate better the ralief The writer in question is a man named Donald | two percels \$1.50 mach and the third dollar. A to the Australian, the Calcutta and foundther thus ensured than those who have been in. Norman Reid-a Scotsman by the look of it- fourth parcel was seen to bear a clean dollar parcels, which were found in a box, which was voluntarily constituted executors of estates of and his defence of opium is contained in a stamp without a post-mark, and it appeared, ordered to be opened. great value, and who have been thereby made letter to that highly respectable publication the that the stamp had been put on after the percel . At this stage Mr. Bowley, who had been reministration of the funds which will ultimate. Chinese would only indulge freely in opium found that the counterfoll receipts for these were also found deficient in stamps, asked leave ly have to be disposed of to the advantage, and absorb vast quantities of curdied milk the parcels were in the handwriting of the defend. It amend the charge, The defendant, was of the beneficiaries. An instance of the sad dread disease of malaria would vanish off the alone entered tham in the journal, and originally charged with removing stamps from results flowing from this source was recently face of the earth. Opium, he declares, is a pro- apparently he was the only person who hadded nine perceis. Mr. Bowley wanted the word afforded in the case of Lord Amberst, who phylactic against fever. To quote his own the parcels. The matter was reported to the mine altered to fourteen, about a year before his death fost practically words: "The deaths from fever alone in India Postmaster-General who sent defendant a mo- Mr. Goldring said that the prosecution had not only all his bwe money, but a large amount in the year 1901 amounted to 4,174,919, although | morandum calling upon him to report on the plenty of time to prepare the case, if they trustee. Had the trust in question been put that this death-roll would have been largely re- Postmaster the latter wrote again. Once more | secution going to charge the defendant with the Public Trustee, all that loss would have milk. Teach the Chinese to take curded milk, faction could be obtained, and defendant was stampe for the past year? He last the matter been avoided; but of course the department and I am convinced that opium-smoking will ordered to be suspended. had not been crested at the time Lord Am. I then become a biessing in disguise. Superior The Postmaster-General than ordered that herst assumed those transpossibilities | that | persons may smile at this statement | but the every parcelin the department be checked, incluthrough no fault of his own proved so lest remains that in Behar, where the poppy is ding six consigned to Australia. Each of these disastrous to him. Turning to the report itself cultivated in every village, the number six parcels had been received by the defendant, we find in the summerised version that of opium sots may be counted on obe's who deposited them in their proper boxes. These the capital value of the estates in the 325 fingers." Surely that should convince the most | parcels when scrutinized ware also found to be cases already accepted by the Public Trustee preptical as to the value of the poppy. What | deficient, The first parcel had no stamp at all is approximately £2,095,900. The years we want to know is whether this important fact | the second bore is twenty-cent stamp instead working showed a deficit of £3,271, but for the was brought to the attention of the international of fifty cents; and to make a long story short financial year ending March 31st next it is Commission which sal at Shanghai the other there were no stamps on the other four parcels honed that the deficit will be only £2,000, I day? And if not, why not? Were the Com- the deficiency in postage, amounting in this instead of £3,800 as originally contemplated. missioners treated to a dispertation on the value | case to \$8,50. The police were immediately During the year 9,000 inquiries were received I of opium plus curdled milk together with a potified, and Detective Sergeant J. J. Wat which the public have placed their affairs in of the prophylactic qualities of these condi- house, He was not there at the time, but four attempting to discuss the theme. But it will certainly, be granted that the idea is an

of agency, and in case, of death in England with property out, in this Colony, the difficulty of executorship where that office has been astendancy to realise interests before departing. The certainty that property could come under the administration of a responsible Trustee. permanent and impeccable, might induce a testator to provide for the continuance, of bls local holdings in property, with the conviction that his estate would get what henemight be derived from the higher rates porary suggests that the office of Public Trustee should be incorporated with that

I next of kin, or the Official Assigned, to but as of the Court. Where letters of administration are grapted to the Official Assignation toturity that these functions of the Officer Assigned in respect to estates, are more or less casual and dependent on circumstances. There is no provision whatever for the Official Assistant assuming under a will the first-hand position of executor, as in the east of the Public Tractee. It seems to us that there is abundant room here, and in all British Colonies abroad

fer the institution; of the office of Public Trustee on the exact analogy, so successfully. inaugurated at home. The idea, at all events, of Mesers. Goldring, Barlow and Mottell acted might but communish to the attention of the lifer the defence. Acting Attorney-General Sir Henry Berkeley. whose exectiones would prove of infinite value | alleged facts of the case. After he had, exte Mr. Rece Davies on his return from England.

THE HUMOURIST AT LARGE. As a sedative it is well understood that opium I be had been anguged in entering the parcels in and its products occupy a prominent place in the journal and issuing receipts for them. The the British pharmacoposia while its qualities as | defendant had charge of the London inturance a soporific have also been greatly in evidence | parcels. The Parcels Department was in charge hald with respect to the proposed extinction of | were four clerks, including the defendant under habit. Indeed, few persons outside the philau- superintendent, before leaving for tiffin, hoticed gout." At the same time Mr. D. N. Reid has a suggestion to make which should appeal send a batch of oplum-smoking Chinaman from the value of curdled milk in conjunction with the fully employed in Behar as gardeners and in rearing pige for the Straits Settlements market man-while at the same time supplying the markets of Behar with fish and fish guana. We don't protend to understand the allusion to fish and fish gueno, but perhaps the idea is that when the Peharis are satisted with curdied milk and onlym they will prepare themselves for another orgy by stuffing themselves with fish and the remains of fish, just as the Romansof old did when they felt inclined for another banquet but were unable to hold another mouthful There is much to be said for Mr. D. N. Reid's

By the steamer Fook Sang, which arrived from may occur to some that the constitution of the Singapore last Wednesday morning, eighteen office of Public Trustee for these Golonies | deportees were landed for travelipment, a Nine might said to some extent in minimizing the Lothers came on Tuesday night by the Hongwook also from the Straits Settlements. The belice are making the necessary, preparations to have them sent home.

original one and for that reason it deserves the

widest possible publicity. We only wonder

whether Mr. Reid got his idea about curdled

milk and opium from the dish commonly

known, in what we presume to be his native

land, as cords and whey?

Span beautifully litustrated guides to the chies places of resort along the Unifornian coast have been received by us, through the medium of Mr. T. D. McKey, the agent for the Overland Limited and California Limited railways. who is at present on a visit to Hongkong. Some of these descriptive pathoblets are the of the Official Receiver, or Official Assignes | lest cry in the art of adventisement, and those and reduce its efficiency. If such an office takes advantage of the Perceis Department from three opens the hand. The couple were then taken to the ware constituted at all in Hosgkong it should while the decimal the chief features along the general offica. The perceis and in the couple were then taken to the special department sepants from the decimal showing the chief features along the general offica. The perceis and in which supplies to prefer a charge against them. The perceis and in which supplies to prefer a charge against them. The perceis and in which supplies the chief features along the general offica. The perceis and in which supplies to prefer a charge against them. The perceis and in which supplies to prefer a charge against them. The perceis and in the supplies to prefer a charge against them. The perceis and in the supplies to prefer a charge against them. The perceis and in the supplies the supplies the perceis against them. setates left to the care of the official executor. being in the following pictures one languages. The parcels safe was opened, from 7 a.m. to The two landenes. (Mos. 252 and 1248) executor. It may be suggested that the Colony would be "Over the wagon trail of the hard plousers runs I p.m., and was within the reach of anybody. I charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this attention. saddled with increased expenditure, but such, I the Overland Route as pictured in these pages; | Besides the Australian there were about twenty | They pleaded not guilty, and the case was costs of administration would be borne by the high putpost of the Rockies | across the sprince | event late | Department lour or five | in the sum of \$15 mach. estates and these should be sufficient the course of that strange in and sea. Great Salt Lake; I times, to see what was, going on the hot like the creat, of the high Sierra; through which the witness discovered was not properly . The two subseque (Mos. 242 and appointed to perform the duties of the new office. Dictures que canyon and valley to the Golden fastened was not in the Parcels Department. It were charged with seasylting a nontractor, the Straits Settlements we are told that under Gata. And the illustrations are worthy of the Begistration Branch. the '/ Copyre Ordinance" - a recend enectment - create description, Elaif & dozen foldere as with the provided provided as a pix and as optional character in the fact remains that when this new treaty is in the Continue. The continue is raised a provided that when this new treaty is placed in the character of the character of the new treaty is placed in the character of the provided that when the new treaty is placed in the character of the provided that when the new treaty is placed in the character of the provided that when the new treaty is placed in the character of the provided that when the new treaty is placed in the character of the provided that when the new treaty is the provided that the new treaty is the provided that the new treaty is the provided that the new treaty is placed to the placed that the new treaty is placed to the placed that the new treaty is placed to the placed that the new treaty is placed to the placed that the new treaty is placed to the placed that the new treaty is placed to the placed that the new treaty is placed to the new treaty is placed to the new treaty in the new treaty is placed to the new treaty in the new treaty in the new treaty is placed to the new treaty in the new treaty in the new treaty is placed to the new treaty in the new treaty in the new treaty is placed to the new treaty in the new treaty in the new treaty is placed to the new treaty in the new treaty in the new treaty is placed that the new treaty is placed to the new treaty in the new treaty in the new treaty is placed to new treaty in the new treaty in the new treaty is placed that the new treaty is placed that the new treaty is new treaty in the new treaty in the new treaty is new treaty in the new treaty is n optional character in the administration of seaths wonders of the Pacific coast, and cross

POST OFFICE PROSECUTION STOLEN STAMPS: ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN TOURD IN DEPENDANTS POSITION

William Nuttail, the clerk in the employment of the General Post Office, who is only nineteen years of age, surrendered to his ball of Stoo this morning to stand the charge of removing protegy accepted from photograph, inclick were under his charge. To this accusation the defendant has already pleaded not quilty

The Crown was represented by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley (Grown Solicitor), Mr. P. W. Goldring, Mr. Bowley proceeded to deal, with the

plained at some, length the workings of the Post Office, the Crown Solicitor went on to say that on Friday last the defendant was on duty in the Parcels Department from plus o'clock until he was suspended that day. All that day

ment.

"Mr. Goldring-We would like your Worship Mr. Bowley said that It was a serious offence and that defendant might have been charged with larceny. Larceny for a Government servent was a serious offence. The charge was framed under the Post Office Ordinance. which was a misdemeanour. He did not like to say much at this stage of the case i but the prosecution had taken into consideration the youth of the defendant, and he thought his Worship should deal with the matter himself. Evidence was then taken, and the case fur-

ther adjourned.

This afternoon, at the Magistracy, Mr. J. H Kemp (first police magistrate) continued to take evidence in connection with the charge against the youth, William Nuttall, who is accosed of removing postage stamps from a number of parcels in the General Post Office soma days ago. .

Martin, was re-called. He said that when he i unfolded to Mr. J. R. Wood, in the Police first saw parcel. No. 108 it bore a clean dollar I Clourt, this forenoon. If the tale is to be bestamp. Before the parcel was packed the lieved-and there is no reason why it should stamp had been chopped. Mr. Goldring then proceeded to cross.

examine the witness. How long have been in the Post Office !-About 22 years. All the time in the Registration Department?

How many clerks are under you !- Twenty- Hollywood Road In Des Voux Road, where

And you have a head clark?-Yes.

Hazn't the Registration Department recently been added to the Post Office?-The Registration? ... You mean the Parcels Department. Yes. That is under the Chief Justice's room?

Are you over-staffed?--1-can't-say whethaswe are under staffed or overstaffed. And you are kept busy, very busy, at times ? I followed and at a convenient spot stopped the

On the soth the four clarks were working.

Thursday, a I can't be sure. Which all the works

defendant was arrested, while Mr. Britto had sworn that the packing was done before. The witness was asked for an explanation. He replied 1 " I think he (meaning Mr. Britto) was

When a customer buys stamps who affine them; to the parcels? Sometimes he does it imself-sometimes the shroff does it for him. Now. look at this parcel it is oil bapes. ent it possible for the stamp to be detached?

And on the others I-No. the stamps would Now, Mr. Martin, you are a man of the world and know a bit about it a lan't it possible in the rush of business, and parcels come in with stamps newly affixed, for them to become datached |--- Yes, it is possible.

Didn't the defendant buy the stamps for the loudon parcels? Yes, he did that. You stated that when you new parcel 210. 708 you saw a clean dollar stamp on it. Was that the proper amount !-- No. ... It should have And in that case who makes up the deficiency i-- The shroff

Is he secured I-Yes. What's his bond ?-- I don't think he is seen

The question of weighing the parcels was then introduced, the witness stating that sach parcel is weighed thrice before it is despatched so as to avoid errors. There were no sules in the Post Office against employees purchasing stamps-new or old. WAn order was lisened recently by the Postmaster-General, at the witpese' suggestion, forbidding cierks in the Registration branch from going late the Parcels Department; but this order was not strictly schered to. Anybody returning from tiffin for a drink had to pass through one of the three doors shown in the plan. The clerks also pease.

in the hands of the Court.

The charge was smended, and the re-examination had not concluded when 'our representative left the Court.

> MILITARY TATTOO. LAST NIGHT'S DISPLAY.

One of the prettiest entertainments given in honour of the visit of the American Fleet took place last night on the Hongkong Oricket Club ground, when some four hundred men of the Buffs went through a series of evolutions with Chinese lanterns which where: wonderful: in their spectacular effect. Long before the timeappointed for the opening of the unlique show. the Hongkong Club, which was thrown open to is members and their friends, was invaded by the privileged set in gradually increasing numbers. while every point of vantage in the surrounding houses and the raised level of the Parade Ground was ratilized by fascinated Chinese to whose mind a spectacular display to any sort invariably appeals, ... At half-past nine, the cricket ground was in darkness, but no sooner was the signal given, than the q the place was alive with living lights, which instantly began to move to the stirring strains. of the "Under the Double Eagle "march, To the accompaniment of appropriate music by the pies and drums, the men went through a number of evolutions with the precision which can only be expected from a military training. The chief interest centred over the living letters "Welcome America" immediately followed by "Harber" which flashed forth in the darkness of the night with wonderical effect. The strains of The Star Spangled Banner," dear to the heart: of the Ameri-of Can, were then struck up, followed by the British [National Anthem, The lights were then extinguished and the men marched back.

o barracks. Bergt, Major Barton and Bandmaster Rewitt are to be congratulated on the success, the fact that the show proceeded without a hitch being mainly due to their efforts in training men on short notice.

CHINESE POLICEMBN OHARGED)

ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING A CONTRACTOR. 25th inst...

A very strange story of the doings of two The Superintendent of Registration, Mr. Ishones in Des Voeux Road last night was not-it ross to show what peaceful Chinese citizens and their women folk have to put up with at the hands of those who imagine they are the "salt of earth."

At about eight o'clock last night a contractor, who was accompanied by his wife, left the Ke Shing Theatre to proceed to their home in they had gone for a stroll they met two Chi How many clarks in the Parcels Department? I mese policemen. "We said nothing to them said the contractor, "but suddenly both of them dashed their lights full in our faces, 1 101d them not to do it, adding that the woman in THY COMDANY WAS MY WILE. "No she is not." one of the policemen, he

said. answered. " She comes from a siy The contractor paid no head to the insult

and continued on his way. The policemen "What objection have you to having us flash

which we printed in our last issue got their Who fixes the bands on the hoxes?—Cooling. desserts in the Police Court, today, Mr. J. R. Who packed the boxes?—The office cooling. Wood sentenced such to fourteen devel hard

Disastrous Fire in Hongkong.

GALLANTRY OF HONGKONG FIREMEN.

POTTINGER STREET SAVED FROM HOLOCAUST.

What might have been one of the most disastrous fires which have broken out in Hong. kong for many years, occurred in Pottlager Street last Saturday afternoon. The flames were breaking through the roofs when one of the Telegraph's representatives was passing. In five seconds beyond the call of "fire" the firemen from No. 5 Station were on the spot, and It was good to see the men running and shoving helmets on at the same time."

The flames were very bright and as usual they induced a crowd, which know nothing of the dangers attending a fire of that magnitude. Chief Inspector Baker, who was in bigin ordinary clothes, came down with a run. In two minutes he had donned the regulation brass belinet, along with the fire master. The smoke was most obnoxious: nevertheless Detective Sergeant Watt and another officer whose name at the present moment we connot recall, directed the movements of the company under their control.

At this juncture the roof was beginning to fall. By this time crowds lined the streets. and the police had the utmost difficulty in maintaining order—and no wonder. One could hardly breathe, and this might be a suggestion to the Government, that the members of the fire brigade in Hongkong should

be equipped with smoke helmets. Much has been said against the efficiency of Ku and Sau Chau.-We are et. the fire brigade in Hongkong and it is highly probable that a good deal more would be suggested regarding their capabilities. Anyone standing in front of that fire, witnessing the fearless way in which they endeavoured to, in Chinese parlance "Save life," must have been astounded-not by their recklessness, not by their fear-to see how these men held themselves aloft and dared death in its worst aspect. It has already been said that these men have done marvellous duty.

. Men climbed the ladders, men brought down the women and children, men belonging to the Hongkong police managed by book or by ctook to bring themselves down. At the time of writing these men were still engaged in their task of bringing down people, and when our representative left they were still at the same job. It may not have occurred to many people that these men who volunteer in the fire brigade service are taking their lives in their hands.

What we should like to commend is the magnificent efforts made by the fire master, by Mr. Baker and by all his assistants.

It has been said that the fire brigade in Hongkong is slow to work?, If the fire at t and 3. Pottinger Street is any criterion the brigade in Hongkong is one of the most efficient that has been seen in the East. The only danger is that the Chief Inspector and Mr. Lane will seriously endanger themselves because of their lack of prudence.

At the time of writing it is impossible to tell the origin of the fire or the damage sustained by it. That it is very serious there can be no doubt. One point that our representative wishes to emphasise is the fact that the daradevil carelessness of the men attached to the fire brigade could not be bettered.

The contents of house No. 1 were insured in the Meiji Company for \$5,000, while those in Nos. 3 and 5, were covered by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company and I On Insurance Company for \$43,000.

CHINESE SEAMEN.

CERTFICATES OF DISCHARGE The following letter of the Government wa received by the Chamber of Commerce:-Colonial Secretary's Office.

aoth January, 1909. Sir,-I am directed to forward for the observations of your Chamber a copy of a letter addressed to this Government with enclosures in original regarding the granting of continuous certificates of discharge to Chinese scamen. 2. I shall be glad if the enclosures may be returned — l am, &c.

(Sgd.), F. H. MAY. Colonial Secretary. The Becretary. The Hongkong General Chamber of Com-

Harbour, Department, "

Hongkong, 19th January, 1909. ing representations:

instituted a form of "Continuous Discharge I ly assured, says the Siam Free Press of 8th inst. Certificates" to be issued only in Home ports. We understand that H. M. the King will visit The instructions on the subject are contained the Exhibition prior to his trips down the Rast | tity goes on for only about four months in the upon them when they return to China, and to in Board of Trade (Marine Department) Coast. As recently stated in these columns. Circular No. 41 Colonial of August, 1900. In several foreign firms have taken advantage of Ice, Cold Storage and Refrigeration Company, I them to a British Colony. Here, they enjoy, Nev., whose property, without any due process that circular, a copy of the preamble to which I the opportunity to exhibit their wares connected I attach, it will be seen that it was evidently with rice cultivation and Milling and of these intended to extend the use of these new form's Messrs. Howarth Erskine, Ltd., in particular, are at some future date...

ed, I think that the time has now arrived for us sewing machines, dynamos, pumps, portable see dealers continue to gather and sell ice as in a complete municipal system and a well planto issue a somewhat similar, form in the case engines and all kinds of tools and apparatus former years, notwithstanding the very low | ned educational sanitary and medical organizaof Chinese seamen signing on and being dis- useful to both rice millers and the better class price charged both by ourselves and the charged in the Colony, in ships on the Home of agriculturalists, rice millers and others and Oriental Ice Coy. Our future course of action

proved most useful. To prevent a man from well patronised if the weather we have been to leave their interest to be looked after by your ment, but they cannot discover the least trace usinking" unfavourable reports—in fact, contain a virtual history of his sea service. In order to adapt the system to Chinese, English and Slamese, in honour of the occasion, ward to next year's account in Taels 1,104.17, but wices rendered. That being so, it is strange to It will be necessary for their photographs to be being evidently aware that in Siam as else- in view of the goor results of last year your bear, of Chinese recognition of benefits not attached. My experience has shown methat where nothing pays like advertising nowadays, Directors are desirous of foregoing their fees | sendered taking the form of a willingness only means by which they may be identified, aufficient for identification : there should there-

fore be two photographs, one full face and one in profile. I attach a cancelled form-one of make the Rice Exhibition which will be opened those issued at home-with an amended front. on the 12th of this month, in Bangkok, a success. shoot, such as I suggest should be employed only for ables on the Home run, at present, as,

of the "Language Test." 7. If these forms are approved and instituted, ples of labour saving agricultural implements of the Chairman said he was much obliged for a navel service, the Government of the Straits, their bearing coolined in prisons without bail lt will be advisable that similar forms be used a various kinds, and thus a splendid object less the kind remarks made but if the company paid Spittlements will not fail, when taxation comes denied the advice of counsel and even refused

port.—I have &c. 10000000 (Sgd.), B. R. H. TAYLOR, Harbour Master, The Honourable

The Colonial Recretary

Harbour Approaches.

THE LIGHTING QUESTION.

SHIPMASTERS PETITION The following letter from Capt. E. D. Thomas on behalf of masters of vessels reading between Hongkong. Canton, and ports on the West River was considered at the meeting of the General Committee of the Chamber of Commerce beld on tath institute the second

ANNA MINSTER S. S. Houngshan Hongkong, 6th March, 1909. Dear Bir. On behalf of the masters in command of vesuels trading between Hongkong Canton, Macao and ports on the West River. beg to enclose herewith a copy of a petition sent to the Hon, Basil Taylor, Harbour Master, asking for more lights. Trusting that the Chamber of Commerce will approve of and see fit to support our petition,-I am &c.,

18 16 (Sgd.) R. D. THOMAS Master S.S. Hearigshan Hon. Mr. R. A. Hewett. Chairman, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1909. Dear Sir, -We the undersigned commanders of vessels trading to and from this Port deem t advisable in the interest of safe navigation that the following lights should be erected :-i. That a light be placed on the southern and of Kapsing Island. To act as a leading light across the harbour to the Kapsing Moon

"2. That a light be placed either on Tong Ku Island or Boulder Point. To act as a leading light into Brother Channel and also for the West River steamers passing between Tong

> Chas. V. Lloyd, Fatskan, W. A. Valentine, Kinshan. H. D. Jones, Honam. L Laurence, Tai On. H. W. Holmes, Lintan, James Cameron, Shan Lee, Chas. Stewart, Chiruen. C. C. Williams, Linan, Rees Lewis, Kolgan, E. Monkman, Kanthow, W. E. Sayer, Chun Sang. J. S. Sidford, Szechuen. Spencer Wilde, Hang Sang, Wm. Benson, Hunan, Win. Meintosh, Shaoshing. T. H. Lisbman, Foo Shing. T. H. Christie, Capton River Pilot.

E. Memberg, Paul Beau. H. W. Walker, Kwong Tung, H. Bracter, San On. W. F. Bickard, Wai Shing, R. Houghton, On Sang, F. Mooney, Chip Sing. K. E. Tueben, Ichang. J. McAribur, Mecjoo. ...

E. Brenninge, Charles Hardouin. J. S. Lewingdon, Chan Po. A. N. Saaton, Sui On. W. Palmer Baker, Kwong Sang. R. T. Anderson, Ting Sang, M. Courtney, Yat Shing, G. Trobarg, Kwan Lec. H. F. N. Walker, Lien Shing, I. Meathrel, Anhui. A. R. Saudbach, Choy Sang. W. H. Lunt, Kwong Tah J. H. Brown, Chenan

R. D. Thomas, Heungshan.

E. S. Crowe, Kwong Sai.

R. Ramsay, Sui Tai.

W. S. Thomas, E hang J. McGinty, San Chounge. R. A. Biras, Sui On McClements, San Ui: G. W. Redy, Tientsin Wm. Stalker, Tong Sking

I. C. O. Agaart, Palamberg Robt. G. Paramore, Fstching E. Evans, Hol Sang Hon. Basil Tavior: Harbour Master,

Hongkong," The committee decided to write the Govern ment in support of the petition made by the masters of river and coasting steamers. The lights petitioned for were not only useful but actually necessary for sale navigation. The Chamber's opinion was that the suggested erection of a light on the southern end of Kensing Island should bo the first to receive the consideration of the Government.

RICE EXHIBITION.

PREPARATIONS IN BANGKOK. Preparations for the Rice and Paddy Exhibi Sir. I have the honour to make the follow- I tion which commences on Friday next at Wat Su hat are being made on quite an elaborate, important fact that I wish to bring to your notice I Imperial Treasury and no other. What has ed Chinese merchants, their families, the pri-3. In the year 1900 the Board of Trade scale and the popular point of view is thorough- is, that in your directors opinion there is not the Government ever done for the vileged classes of Chinese under the treaty. making a big show. They are showing two differ. 3. So far as we, in this Colony, are concern- ent maketof rice-mills in full working order, sack | tion I do not know. I may add that the Chinese | impartial judicial decisions, police protection, have also erected a steel tower and an ornamen- will, and must be, of course dependent on cir. some reasonable doubt, the Chinese here may may become such affecting Japanese children. 4. The new forms now issued at Home have tal drinking fountsin which will doubtless be cumstances, and I would ask the shareholders well-display that virtue to the British Governlately enjoying continues. Besides they are directors. On referring to the teport you will of a reason why the Chinese Government are getting out a special illustrated catalogue, in observe that the debit balance to be carried for entitled to any recognition on the score of ser-

Writes::--Very great preparations are being made to The varieties of rice to be exhibited will surpass i-all expectations, as the number of rice growers 6. I suggest that these forms should be used | taking part this year, will exceed by long odds, that of any previous year. The number until the Chinese understand them, there would of prizes to be offered are also in proportion be considerable difficulty in using them on the and it is anticipated that all interested will be East. On the Home run most of the difficulties agreeably surprised at the numerous exhibits, the Directors, therefore he would propose as an meaning, of their action amounts to. First of held incommunicado while their right to enter do not exist and the new form would be of These exhibits will not be the only attractions for visitors. There will be also miniature sice main in abeyabce until the next annual meet, expend on alien uses which are not a charity | vaded by immigration inspectors without fear mills, respers, winnewers, etc., etc., with same ing. may be uniformity, and also that their full method of tilling, sowing, reaping, binding, panies, a resolution could be brought forward by any collapse of our excise revenue on opium, Other alleged abuses, are described and the much of their usefulness if restricted to but one firms, are contributing much in this direction. Slam is essentially, an agricultural country, and it is from this industry she derives by far the Prontice seconded, and it was carried, that the and the essence of taxation is that it is involun- President Roosevelt is asked to recommend harvests of rice are grown annually, but only comparatively a small area is under cultivation. Now, however, that the Department of Agricul-It was believed that the concensus of opinion | ture is taking very great interest in the work, seconded, and it was carried, that Mr. Jas. H. iday and hour of its existence, is a community | The memorial concludes as follows | The among shipowners at Home was that the new | and offering every encouragement to the paddy system had not resulted in the benefits anticiplanters hopes are entertained that the area
pated. The committee were of the opinion under rice cultivation will rapidly spread and
interest to serve until the area production of the opinion under rice cultivation will rapidly spread and interest to serve until the shareholders. The committee were of the opinion under rice cultivation will rapidly spread and the the introduction of better seed, and labour seconded, and it was carried, that the seconded, and it was carried. The seconded are seconded and it was carried, that the seconded and it was carried. The seconded and it was carried, that the seconded and it was carried. The seconded and it was carried. The seconded and it was carried, that the seconded and it was carried. The seconded and it was carried and the seconded and it was carried and the seconded and it was carried. The seconded and it was carried and the seconded and it w to Chineso seamen and if brought into force on saving machinery the annual rice harvest of of Messra. W. S. Burns and A. R. Lowe as men here into an awkward dilemma, If they peal to you, Mr. President, to right the wrongs 6,-5,70 p.m. On R. AND A. QUARTER MILE.

FOREIGR YOUTH DENIES SERIOUS CHARGE

William Nuitall a lad about binniceh years of are had to answer a serious charge before Mr. J. H. Kemp. In the Police Court, this morning. The allegation, as put forward, was that young Nuttall had infringed the Post Office. Ordinance—by removing postage stamps from nine packages. This charge he denied. The defendant, who is a clock in the emi ployment of the General, Post Office, was ar rested yesterday by Detective Sergeant J. J. Watt and taken to the Central Police Station. His family were immediately notified, and steps taken to secure the sorvices of a lawyer to act

on his behalf. When the case was called this morning, Mr. co. d'Almada e Castro, of the firm of Goldring; The Secretary. Barlow and Morrell, Intimated that he appeared for the defence, and asked for an adfournment, stating that be had only just been instructed. If the case was fixed for Thursday. it would be convenient to the Post Office

Mr. T. H. Martin, superintendent of the Parcel Department, admitted that that was so The parcels from which the stamps were yes moved were now in the hands of the police. berg?

Detective Watt-Three-Mr. Martin n'yself In 20 The text and translation of this Convenand a clerk. It is quite a short case. Was the deed actually witnessed?-No. 11 in the despatch under reference.

salary was \$64 per month, 4. The case was adjourned till the sist instant; | Ruclosures were laid on the table. at 11 o'clock. Bail was originally allowed in the sum of \$500, but was later reduced to \$100.

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doubtedly have noticed of late in the reports fore long have to redistribute the revenue it of the speeches of chairman of various indus- now receives from the Chinese in excise duties results owing to the very general and almost of course to the Chinese. When aliens come claim that teason for the poor results of our cial prosperity under the British flag, it is to be supply all the demands for machine made ice | tion: of equitable laws, a just and highly originating from Shanghai, and why it was developed administration, easy access to thought necessary or politic to start an opposi- | courts of justice, an assurance of ready and Commenting on the above our contemporary for that period which will bring down the debit to contribute, three, millions of dollars to balance to be carried forward to Taels, 354.15, the support of the public service of what, Gentlemen, I have nothing further to say, Be- Lin virtue of the position of the Chinese

them to the best of my ability, the restaurance

The Chairman then proposed, Mr. John amount, and more. Because this is voluntary, rules and regulations.

with that of the most productive land in Asia: attendance and the proceedings terminated. Surprised If the Government of this Co. triend of this great nations.

LABOUR REGULATIONS

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. The following letter from Government was considered at the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on sail last :--Colonial Secretary's Office

Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. Sir. I am directed to forward a copy of despatch addressed to this Government by the Secretary of State for the Colonies together with a copy of the memorandum referred to therein, and to inquite whether your Chamber are of the opinion that this Colony should ad here to the National Convention of the 26th September, 1906.

2. I shall be glad if the memorandom may be returned. I am. &c. (Sgd.), F. H. MAY,

Colonial Secretary. The Hongkong Chamber of Commerce Downing Street,

的是一种企业的特殊的通过atst January。1909) Sir,-I have the honour to refer to Lord Elgin's circular despatch of the 10th of April. 1907, trausmitting a memorandum on the International Conference on Labour Regulation beld at Berne in September, 1906, and to inform you that His Majesty's Government have and he would like the case called as early as I now adhered to the international Convention possible as the mail was leaving on the aret. I of 26th September, 1906, respecting the prohi-His: Worship -How smany witnesses vare libition of the use of White Phosphoxus in the manufacture of matches. St. Alchestral probability

(To Mr. Martin)-How long has he been in | 3. I am to inquire whether you desire that the service?—Since June, 1906. The Colony, under your Government should to a fraud on the Government of the country of

Mr. d'Almada mentioned that defendant's adhere to this Convention.-I have etc. 是可以使用是自由的人的是中华的自(Sed.)除 Orewe.

> CHINESE IN SINGAPORE. FUNDS FOR THE NAVY.

The following article is from the Singapore

"If what is reported of the alien Chinese of The tenth ordinary meeting of the above [Singapore bestrue, in regard to an alleged] as a Protectorate. It does not at all follow that named company was held at the Chamber of Itaxation of themselves for the creation and I what it does not know is a thing that cannot be Commerce rooms, Shanghal, on 17th instant; | maintenance of a navy for the Chinese Empire. there being present Messrs. A. R. Lowe, Chair. these persons are engaged in a course that wil man; J. Grant Mackenzle, John Prentice and bring upon them consequences that they will W. S. Burns, Directors; J. H. Osborne, A. I/greatly regret: A telegram reaches us from Samson, T. Koch and W. B. Buyers, share- Hongkong, whose place of origin is Peking, which states that " Tsau Ping Loong, Chinese The Chairman said: Gentlemen, the time I Consul-General at Singapore, has reported to has gone by for which this meeting was called Prince. Su that the Chinese merchants there and a quorum being present we will proceed would willingly subscribe an amount up to with our business. Unless there is any object three million dollars in support of the proposed tion I will ask Mr. Thomas Koch to act as reorganisation of the Chinese navy," Now secretary of the meeting and to read the notice has that bears on the face of it the assertion convening the same. The report and accounts that it is an official statement of an incident in hat ng been in your hands some days we will, I the Consular business of the Chinese Empire, with your permission, take them as read. Be- | there is nothing to be done in the meantime | to certain instances wherein it is affirmed the fore I ask you to approve and pass them I have | save to accept that as representing a fact. a few remarks to say :- The result of our work. This statement at sonce raises an issue residents of California many rights and privile ing for the last year is, not satisfactory and we lof importance which must be settled one way all of us regret the poor showing that the act for the other, the special importance of that det Its text in part follows :-counts-present. You will most of you un. pending on the fact that this Colony may be-

took considerable trouble and pains to go into of administration, there is any margin which is by you both lately and heretofore, relative to all the items of expenditure, and the agents susceptible of devotion to the defraying the the Japanese. We also feel it our duty towards were instructed to give lia detailed analysis of cost of the means of military and naval secu- | those whom we represent to respectfully prothe various items-such as wages and salaries; [rity, which is the guarantee of commercial | pound to you certain questions which are of the charges, stores, etc., to see in what direction security, that is morally due to the maintenance most vital interest to the Chinese residents of economy might be made in the working of the lorces that assure that commercial secu- the United States, and answers to which we re-Company. An exhaustive report was accord, Frity. An alien who forsakes his native land specifully, but earnestly, request, These things ingly drawn up by the agents and has had the and transfers the scene of his life's activity to we do with all due regard to the dignity of the caseful consideration of your directors, and in | the shelter of a foreign flag, transfers to that executive department of the United States, but whatever direction where economy can be flag the whole of those personal responsibil also in the belief that you, baving so unqualipractised without sacrificing "efficiency" you lities which can be expressed in taxation, or litedly expressed your views in favour of the may depend upon your directors availing them. | even in voluntary, contribution. He may | Japanese, cannot fail to render the same justice selves of the opportunity. Gentlemen, the retain a sentimental affiliation to his country to the Chinese when the facts have been laid above careful inquiries only helped to corros of origin, but his material support must be before you. borate and support the opinion of your directors given to the land of his adoption, which ... "We beg leave to refer you, Mr. President with regard to the running of two separate ice | does for him all that his Fatherland could | to the fact that there is a discrimination in companies in Shanghai. The reason then of have done for him had be elected to remain as I favour of Japanese aliens as against Chiour poor results is due to the opposition of the a subject within its territories... Now with re- ness citizens, residents and privileged classes Oriental Ico Company. We have had to sell gard to this alleged readiness to subscribe an of this country. Such a discrimination ice at a price that does not pay us, and though amount up to three million dollars for the very apparent from the fact that the Depart. the Oriental Ice Company claim that they can Chinese navy on the part of Singapore Chinese | ment of Commerce, and Labour, governed by sell at these low prices and show a profit, I merchants, it can only be said that morally the the policy of your administration, imposes personally am very doubtful. Lastly, a most destination of that amount should be the British | upon the citizens of Chinese descent, domicilroom for two ice companies in Shanghal where | Chinese in Singapore who are not British-born? | every conceivable embarrassment which is in the consumption of ice in any substantial quant. Nothing at all, except perhaps to levy taxation | no way suffered by the Japanese, year. The company we represent, the Shanghai prevent their womenkind from following the wrongs suffered by the Chinese of Reno, Blways have been, and are now, fully able to in a measure not assured in China, the protect of law, was destroyed and the occupanis turned

I tion. If gratitude be a virtue known to the Chinese mind, about which there may exist fore asking you to pass the accounts I shall be I'm this Colony, we have a right to term, pleased to answer any questions concerning mere racial affinity notwithstanding, an alien nation. The Chinese who are responsible for Mr. J. H. Osborne said he did not see why I doing their fellow countrymen in the Straits so the directors should forego their fees. It would instorious a disservice as this exhibition of a from San Francisco as if they were escaping be best to let the matter remain in abeyance for readiness to throw away money for the support the time being. The result of the years works of the naval schemes of the Chinese Governamondment to the resolution that the matter re- all, if the Chinese here have three millions to is investigated; that Chinese homes are

report and statement of accounts for the year intry. A community that can indulge itself to Congress the enactment of laws eliminating ended 30th November, 1908, as presented, be the luxury of presenting a foreign Government from jurisprudence the parnicious doctrine accepted and passed.

with funds that are primarily due to the Gov- laid down by the Supreme Court of the United Mr. W. B. Buyers proposed, Mr. T. Koch enment that protects it and fosters it every States versus Ju Toy, 198 U.S. 153. Osborne be re-elected auditor to serve until the That expects to be dealt with on its own show- cause and effect, which prompts our call to you

lony accepts this demonstration of read

osp community at the prospect of the additional burdens that they would be certain to have to bear in case the colleges of our exciserevenues compelled the Government to adjust their Budget by recourse to other heads of taxntion. But this Wanton misplecement of money completely destroys that sense of sympathy, for a community capable of so lavishing its money on an entirely undeserving alien object must not cry wat if that readiness to throw money about outside of the Colony, and for no good to the Colony which they have made their home, be construed by the Government into an admission of a far greater degree of taxability than either the Government or anybody clse could have imagined possible. It will be interesting to learn whether Mr. Tso Ping Loong has on the draft subscription lists that he made the basis of his telegram to the Imperial Government at Peking, the names of any Straits-born British subjects filf that be so, and it is a matter into which the Government should make stringent investigation, the position of these Chinese residents will require to be deal with in a drustic fashion. One might as well expect to hear of Englishmen subscribing to a German fleet, or Austrians collecting funds for the Turkish army. No man can serve two masters, and there cannot be two loyalties in two contradictory directions. It is perfectly natural to imagine a sentimental sympathy between persons of Chinese origin and their Ition was numered to the memorandum enclosed | fellow Chinese in China But that sentiment must stop at sentiment, for any devotion of money to ken alien purpose will amount adoption unless the actual and possible taxation charges be fully satisfied. Mr. Tso Ping Loong will have added very greatly to the do-I termination of the local Government to tax the Chinese by his telegram to the Imperial Goverament. And it would further be of interest to inquire how far the contribution offers of Straits Chinese were entirely voluntary, or how far these contributions; were virtually, exacted in the way familiar to all who know even a little

> ASIATICS IN AMBRICA. THE CHINESE APPEAL TO THE

I torate is wanted to intervene in this case really

known.

American papers just to hand give the text the appeal mentioned by Reuter recently which the Chinese Consolidated Benevolont Association, better known as the Chinese Six Companies, called the attention of the President executive department sought for the Japanese I ges that the Cinnese have long been denied.

"Hon Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D.C.

trial companies that they refer to their poor on opium in some other form of taxation, limited efforts "recently," made by you on behalf of the Japanete, in regard to certain laws universal depression of all branches of trade. to a British Colony like this, and settle down lately purposed and at the present time or words to that effect. Gentlemen, we do not and make their livelihood and enjoy commer- | partially adopted by the Legislature of California, now convened at Sacramento working this year, though it is quite possible assumed as a matter of course that the first | we, the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Assowe may have suffered slightly from these duty that reposes upon these foreign Chine ciation, representing the whole of the Chinese causes. Well, gentlemen, if you will allow me lese, sheltering under British protection, is people of the United States, feel justified in resto divert for a few moments I would like to fto bear their share in the expense of pro- pecifully calling your attention to certain conmention that when the trial balance sheet, [viding that protection. If over and above | ditions pertaining to the Chinese, both citizens working account for the year, and other ac. The expenses of living, and also bearing some and alleus in this country, which are in direct counts were placed before your-directors they, share in the taxation that has to meet the cost | and flagrant conflict with the views expressed-

out in the street, homeless and destitute. 'against the present school laws in California which discriminate against Chinese children whether citizens or aliens, and we respectfully ask you to assist us in taking these laws into the Courts to test their constitutionality, as you have stated you will do regarding any law which immigration throughout the United States where the Chinese are concerned are viola liting every letter of the fourth amendment to I the Constitution of the United States, Chinese l are arrested, searched, and their papers, the

under your administration; the immigration inspectors treat the Chinese en route to the East

It is pointed out that domiciled Chinese, aping was to be deploted, but it was no fault of | ment, do not seem to understand what the real | plying for admission to the United States, are for suffering humanity but are the provision of lof seprimand; that Chinese are dragged from next year, or they smashed up the other com- to be planned to meet, say, the deficit caused the right to consult their own medical advisers. regarding the fees. The directors were, how- to enhance the taxable capacity of the Chinese memorial suggests that of course the immigraover, much obliged for what had been said. community that is non-British, by at least that | tion officials are merely obeying departmental

the China Coast would be a decided disadvan. Siam will go on rapidly increasing, and the Directors be confirmed.

If they beal to you, Mr. President, to right the wrongs 6.—1.70 p.m.—One and the Directors be confirmed.

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PRESIDENT.

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"We appear to you, Mr. President, to right We ask you to enter a strong protest "It is a well-known fact that inspectors of laken from them."

Continuing, the memorial cites various al l'leced abuses that are charged to the United E States immigration officials.

"It is a well-known fact," it says, "that

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

BEVENTH CONGRESS Following is an acknowledgment of the Chamber of Commerce's reply by the London

Chamber :--Oxford Court, Cannon Street. London, E.C. Tith January, 1909. Dear Sir, -1 beg to thank you for your letter of December 9th, contents of which I note. I trust that a representative from your Cham ber will find it possible to attend, and would ask you to let me know as soon as possible in order to facilitate arrangements. Yours faith

(Sgd.) KENRIO B. MURRAY.

A. M. Williams, Esq. Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce

> CRINA'S NAVAL PLANS THREE MAIN RESOLUTIONS.

As a result of several conferences held recently by Prince So with Presidents Tich Liang and Tsai Tso, the three main resolutions that have been decided upon are : training competent men, raising funds, and determining. naval bases. With regard to the first auggestion, it is proposed to send students abroad for training, but to economize time and expense. A Naval middle school will be pr ganized in Chion to take advanced students from the Naval schools in the provinces and prepare them to receive a course abroad, and its necessary expenses will be met by the savings effected in the different ministries from the dismissal of needless officials. To carry out the second item! Duke Tsai Tse suggested the imposition of a stamp duty; Prince Su recommended that officials should be made to disgorge illegal gains in the collection of the salt-tax; and President Tich Liang thought of taking similar action with peculations by provincial officials. Statistics of these possible sources have been prepared, showing the two last named to be over ten million taels; while a stamp duly would produce even a greater sum. As to naval bases, a coast line of over 13,000 li should be divided into four sections. As only one squadron of the Navy will first be formed in the Pelyang, a base must be found in Chilli or Shantung province; and five places have been favourably reported upon by the Chihli Viceroy; they are laku. Chefoo, Weihaiwei, Taphuatao and Jung. ch'engwan. 'As Weihalwei is leased to Great Britian, the choice must be among the other four harbours and it is proposed that Prince Su should shortly go on a tour of inspection to decide on one of the places for a naval base,-

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLOB.

N. C. D. News.

The programme of the first meeting to be held at the Happy Valley, on Saturday, the 74th prox. (weather permitting) is as follows :--1.-3.30 p.m.-ONE MILE FLAT RACE .-- FOR Subscription Griffins of Season 1908-09. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race at 1909 Meeting 5 lbs. extra ; two or more races to lbs. Extra. Non-winning placed ponies allowed a lbs. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs. Jockeys who have not won more than two official races in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lbs. Entrance fee \$5.00. 1st Prize: Presented, and Prize: \$25.00. Entrance fees to go to Winner.

-3.50 p.m.-GYNKHANA STAKES.-Value Stoo. Distance One Mile. For all China. Ponies. Catch weights at 7 to st. 60 lbs. Winners of an open race or open Griffin race 5 lbs. extra. Non-winning Subscription Griffins allowed 5 lbs. Jockeys who have not won more than two official races in Hongkong, Shanghai of Tentsin allowed 5 lbs. A Cup called the Gymkhana Cup will be presented at the end of the Season to be won by the Pony scoring most marks in the races for the Gymkhana Stakes at the Gymkhana Meetings during the Season, counting 4 points for a first; 2 for a second; and I for a third, the benefit of marks already scored to pass with the Pony on a sale. Any winner of the race to carry 5 lbs. extra for each win in subsequent starts for -the-Race, but in the event of a pony carry: lug the penalty not winning, a lbs. to be deducted next time be starts. Such a lbs. to remain deducted until he wins again when he will carry the full Penalties without deduction. Penalties accumulative up to It lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 2nd Prize: \$25. (Half entrance fees to go to winner.)

3-4.10 P.M.-TENT PEGGING IN SECTIONS OF THREE .- Open to teams, mounted on China Ponies, and composed of three men, representing any recognized unit or club in the Colony, Three small cups to the presented to the winning team at each competition and at The conclusion of the season a Trophy will be given to the team which scores the highest aggregate of points all meetings included. In competing for the small cups a competitor need not necessarily represent the same unit or club on each and every occasion, but if competing for the aggregate trophy he can only represent one unit or one club during the sesson, that is to say he must continue to compete for the unit or club first selected by him and for no other. To provide for sickness, absence from the Colony, or for improvement of a team, new members may from time to time beingeduced bre a team, but is orderto win the aggregate Trophy two at least of the Members composing the winning team must have competed in not less than three competitions. Points will be awarded as follows :--

3 for each carry, say per team... (9) or a for a carry under 20 yards. or I for a touch. 3 for speed 3 for style S

Note -Style means the proper and workmanlike handling of spears and the synchrone ous working of a team. Points will be deducted from a team should the Judge observe any member carrying his spear in a dangerous and unsportsmantike manner, 1984 A.A. The Judges will deduct, points if in their

opinion a team be moving at too slow a pace. A .- 4.30 D.m. - THREE QUARTER OF A MILE FLAT RACE .- For Subscription Griffing of any Season which have never won an official race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced ruppers allowed 3 lbs. To be ridden by lockeys who have not won more than two official reces, in Hongkong, Shanghal or Tientsin, Entrance fee \$5. First Prize Presented. and Priza: \$25.00. (Entrauca fees to go to winner.)

S.--450 p.m. WHITER BACK HALF MILE. For all Cuina Pony Hacks or Polo Ponies, Catch Weights 13 stopp. Open 10 Members of Jockey and/or Polo Clubs, also, Members of both Services. Entrance fee Sc. First Prize: Presented and Prize: \$15.00.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM DENCH AND HAR

22nd inst. A very pleasing function took place in the Supreme Court this forenoon, the occasion being to welcome the newly-appointed Puisne Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gomporiz) and to pay a tribute to Mr. Justice Wise, who has recently retired from active service.

There was a large attendance of the legal fraternity present, among those seen being Hop. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Sir Henry Berkeley (acting Attorney-General) Mr. H. G. Calthrop Massra. C. W. Wilkinson, H. L. Dennys, Scott Harston, E. J. Grist, F. B. Deacon, F. E. L. Bowley, A. G. Jackson, P. M. Hodgson, F. O. Barlow, P. W. Goldring, P. Sydenham Dixon, H. G. C. Bailey, F. P. Hett, C. F. O. D. Thomson, S. W. Tso, H. K. Holmes, F. X. d'Almada e Castro, Otto Kong Sing, W. J. Daniel, Leo. d'Almada e Castro, H. L. Dennys, jr., Crowther Smith, J. H. Gardiner, C. B. Johnson, W. E. L. Shenton and Render Harris. Mrs. H. E. Pollock and Mrs. H. H. J Competts were also among those present.

A WISE JUDGE. The Chief Justice (Sir Francis Piggott), on whose right sat Mr. Justice Gomperiz, opened" the proceedings by addressing the gathering. He opened by saying that he had asked the a members of the legal profession to meet there today to say a lew words to one who had retired in good health - and he hoped he would retain it-and was on the Pension List. It might be a presumption on his part to speak where others knew Mr. Justice Wise so well, but he (the Chief Justice) came to know him very well, and he never knew one better fitted for his duties than the retired judge. He knew hi to be very wise-(laughter)-suitors knew bim well as an impartial judge; he was summary wine. They had met there that day to welcome the coming as well as the parting. The port of Hongkong was proclaimed the premier port in the world and in line with that i should the premier position, for here the kast kissed the West, men of all nationality congregated here, hence there were many disputes and conflicts of law arose which would confuse members of the legal profession in other pans. Every judge appointed to the Supreme Court of this Colony had been seconded by the legal fraternity. Mr. Gompertz was well chosen and well fitted for the appointment, and to-day he took up his position in the Court, and the Colony approved of his promotion. For himself, the Chief Justice concluded, he never heard of a promotion-except one which His Majesty had granted—in which he was more greatly pleased. SENTIMENTS OF THE BAR.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K. C., replied on behalf the members of the Bar and profession. The profession, he said, echoed the sentiments of regret and appreciation of Mr. Wise, which had fallen from the Chief Justice. Mr. Wise, during his tenure of high office which he held so long, discharged his duties with marked ability. To the last he possessed the confidence of all who appeared before him, which added to his natural esteem and affection, deep and true, The regard which had bound them to the able judge had at last been severed. The Bar desired to offer its congratulations to Mr. Gompertz. It believed that he would follow in Mr. Wise's footsteps, and he desired to add the assurance of the appointment of Mr. Gomperis "I to the office met with the satisfaction of the entire profession.

AS CHIEF JUSTICE'S CLERK!

Mr. H. L. Dennys said that'he wished as the only solicitor present, to say that he Colony. Mr. Wise was clerk to Chief Justice Philippo, and later practised at the Bar. He (Mr. Dennys) was the only solicitor to give him a brief, and instructed him at Canton in 1881 He had great respect for him as a great lawyer and socially he was loved. Regarding Mr. Gompertz all knew him, and they were glad to hear of his appointment. THE COMMISSION.

At this stage Mr. Arathoon Seth, Registrar of the Supreme Court, read the commission, as given below, Mr. Justice Gompertz standing the while. The command read :---

F. D. LUGARD. Governor,

EDWARD by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions be wond the seas, King, Defender of the Faith Emperor of India:

To our trusty and well beloved Henry Hessey Johnston Gompertz, Esquire, one of pur Counsel learned in the law. Now, know you that we, taking into consideration your loyalty, integrity and ability, of our special grace, certain know-

ledge and mere motion, have thought fit to constitute and appoint and do hereby constitute and appoint you the said Henry Hessey Johntson Gomperiz to be Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of our Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, from the twenty-first day of March, 1909, in clusive, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office and place during Our pleasure with all the rights profits privileges and advantages thereunto belonging or apper taining, provided always that you the sai Henry Hessey Johnston Gompent d actually reside within our said Colony and do not quit the same without the previous permission of our Governor o Our said Colony, or of such person as may for the time being, be charged with the Government thereof: And also that you execute the said office in your own person. except in case of sickness or other incapa city, and do in all other matters and things perform the duties thereof in a discreet and orderly manner.

In testimony whereof We have cause these Our Letters to be made Patent and to be scaled with the public scal of Our Colony aforesaid.

Witness our trusty and well beloved FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LU-GARD, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order, Governor for the time being of our said Colony this twenty-first day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and in the ninth year of Our reign.

By command, F. H. May,

Colonial Secretary. Mr. Gomperts -- I - thank -- you -all - from -- my

The proceedings then ended, and many were the hand-shakes the Puisne Judge received during the day,

Hough the former attimal was bought for \$300 by Mr. H.P. White. Barthquake was knocked I rance Fund and Sto.ooo to credit of building I that the loss, which, we understand is covered down to Lieut, Price for \$160.

Hongkong University.

SIR FREDERICK'S AND LORD CECIL'S SCHEMES -COMPARED.

HONGKONG SCHEME HAS PRIOR CLAIM.

Whatever may be the outcome of the proposal to establish a University in Hongkong, the thanks of residents in the Crown Colony, and of British educationists generally, are due to Sir Fredprick" Lugard, the Governor of Hongkong, for the cultusiastic manner in which he has taken up the matter and worked for the success of the scheme, writes the N. C. D. News editorially." The foundation of such an institution in Hongkong is not the idea of a day; for years the need has been (cit, but the financial question effectively barred every proposition until Mr. U. N. Mody offered to present to the Colony the buildings necessary to start a University. Mr. Mody's original offer. was to give a sum of \$150,000 for this purpose and a further sum of \$30,000 towards endowment: The Colonial Director of Public Works. however, estimated that the buildings proposed would cost not less than \$290,000. . Mr. Mody thereupon undertook to, provide the buildings in accordance with the plans prepared, of which he approved, no matter what the cost might be stipulating only that he should use on the buildings the \$30,000 originally given for endowment, if it should be required. Sir. F. Lugard assisted by representative men in the Colony. then drew up a scheme, but it was hardly satisfactory to Mr. Mody, inasmuch as it was his ambition to see this University working during his life-time, and he urged that immediate steps should be taken to invite subscriptions for endowment, etc., and stated that he would leave his offeropen for six months from January 1, 1999, with this object. sum required for turnishing, equipment and endowment represents a capital fund of about Lito,000, or \$1,250,000, which must be raised by subscription before the University can be-

The Governor set to work immediatly after

Mr. Mody had made his munificent offer. The

come operative.

proposal was discussed by the leading men in the Colony and a Committee of cleven, includ ing two Chinese members of the Legislative Council, under the presidency of Sir F.: Lugard, was formed to deal with all questions regarding the scheme. Application was made to the Secretary of State for his sanction to devote a fine site near the junction of the Bonham and Pokfulam Roads to the purpose, and a favour able reply is expected." His Excellency has also written to the British Minister in Peking asking him to inform the Chinese Government of the project, and to invite its support; to the Government of India; to the Governor of the Straits Settlements; to the China Association; to Lord Curzon (Chancellar of Oxford University); to the Vicercy of Canton, who has replied in a verfriendly letter; to Lord Elgin (late Secretary (for the Colonies); the Shanghai Municipal Council, and others. The scheme as drawn un commends itself to us as being an eminent ly practical one. When the necessary funds are promised, a special Committee will decide upon the faculties to be instituted, but those of Medicine and Applied Science will be established first. The University will be open to all races and creeds and the following will be admitted quander graduates: -(a) All who are at date students of the Hongkong College of Medicine. (b) Such additional students, not being members of the College, as have passed the Senior Oxford or Cambridge Local Examination or an equivalent test. The London or other British University will be requested to conduct the examination for degrees, but as soon as one or more students have thus graduated, the Goverknow Mr. Wise since he first arrived in the nor of Hongkong will be requested to apply to His Majesty in Council for the grant of a sities in Great Britain; to develop and form the | being put in operation. character of students no less than their intellectual faculties; to offerequal facilities for students of duties and likin, the Ministry of Finance is of all races; to extend the knowledge of the desired carefully to consider the question. It is, English language in the Far East hand to undoubtedly, an important point to be dealt promote a good understanding with the neigh- with, but it may be disposed of by weighing bouring Empire of China. Sir Frederick advantages and drawbacks and considering all Lugard has emphasized his view that the possible resources. Viceroys and Governors University should be under the management of who may have valuable suggestions on the a Senate of its own, and should rely upon its question are ordered to memorialize the Throni own funds; and, further, that a sound, practi- | for their adoption, so that those carrying out cal secular education should be given. This the suppression need not be hampered by University will not be a rival nor in any way I financial considerations. Though the Governantagonistic to Universities or other educa- ment is in strauened circumstances, it will tional establishments in China, but it will poither seek to satisfy its hunger nor quench educate men to be of practical use in fits thirst at the expense of this harmful poison. this Empire as doctors, engineers, surveyors, electricians, and, it is hoped, officials, I bane. administrators and Governors. If an Arts degreet be established, it will embrace instruction in Chinese literature and classics as well as in the history and ethics-of-the Western

> scheme with that which Lord William Cecil is lish a University in China to be organized under the auspices of Oxford and Cambridge. As has already been pointed out the latter is to be of an avowedly Christain character, its nim being at once to transplant our higher educational system and to propagate the Christain point of view. A meeting of influential men held in Peking decided that the 'scheme-as contemplated was not practical and, as an alternative, they recommended the establishment of a system of scholarship similar to those founded by the late Cecil Rhodes. The Hongkong scheme is nothing if not practical, and certainly has prior claims on the support of British Universities and the British public. The question of a University for flongkong is not a local one, but one of Imperial interest, and the prestige and influence of Great Britain will be increased and extended in China and throughout the Far East if the University is established. For this reason representations might be made to the Home Government and Home educationists to assist in recitions to quiced you the endowment. It is true that the pro-

We cannot refrain from comparing this

ject is primarily for the Chinese, and order to secure the support of the Chinese community both in Hongkong and Sout China definite and practical steps are being taken. But a nation that contributes large sums annually to educational work in China, over which it has little bring control, should respond in a hearty manner to the appeal to which, from its inception, will be well-governed and of practical utility alike to Chinese and foreign youths who are living in the Far East.

AT the next ordinary general meeting of share: the police reserves were out and in some ly Lai Lai did not know this, or else he was holders of the Yangtsze Insurance Association. | cases force bad to be used to keep off the Ld., to be held on April 16 next at 4.30 p.m., | pressing crawd. the Directors will recommend the payment of In about an hour, thanks to the ample supa dividend to shareholders of 25 per cent. (\$12 | ply of water, the fire was under control and AT the auction sale of the race popies Coxcomb | per share out of the balance at credit of 1907 | very soon afterwards extinguished. The main and Rarthquake outside the City Hall last Satur- account, also a special dividend of g per cent., I damage was done to the kitchens, where a day afternoon, conducted by Messrs. Hughes & \$3 per share, out of interest account for 1008) quantity of inflammable stuff was stored; while and the transfer of \$50,000 to credit of Reinsu- the rest was destroyed by water. It is estimated

reserva fund,

The Opium Question.

PROHIBITION REITERATED.

ANOTHER IMPERIAL EDICT.

The following translation of an Imperia Edict, bearing date 15th inst, is from the columns of the N. O. D. News :-March IT.

Oplum suppression is a necessary measure to the strengthening of Our Empire as well as the mainspring of the development and instruction of the people, involving, as it does, questions of hygiens, of enriching the people, of developing terrestrial profits and of arresting a drain on the national wealth. All eyes are turned to this subject and much universal sympathy and assistance have been exhibited.

On the question, three steps are closely interrelated and dependent, and these are i prohibition of smoking and of plantation, and devising of means to raise revenue to fill the deficit caused in the opium duties. Should any one of there be inefficiently carried out, the other two will in consequence be hampered and success would be looked for in vain.

In recent years, though officials addicted to the smoking habit bave been examined and denounced on repeated occasions by the Anti- of the individual, the principle has Opium Commissioners and Viceroys and I given trise to the universal system Governors of the provinces, there still exists a government; with communities, when an unnumber of them who trifle with the interdict | civilized or ill-governed state abut on a civiand veneer their faults in that respect.

With regard to the prohibition of the poppy plantation in the provinces, it was first decided to decrease the plantation gradually in ten years. Later, the authorities of Yunnan, Szechuan, Shansi, Chibli, Heilungkiang and other provinces asked permission to forbid plantation entirely in one year. This, no doubt, shows great energy of purpose, but whether their intention is thoroughly carried out in all their provinces, and whether the local officials succeed in inducing the people to plant other profitable products on their soil to yield them a living so that they gladly submit to the suppression, remains to be seen.

The duties and likin on this drug are re quired for the bulk of the army estimates. Recently, the Ministry of Finance memorialized us and obtained permission to increase the price of salt to make up for these duties and likin. This plan, however, only aggregates four or five million tuels and there still remains a large

... We are eagerly bent on introducing a better government and between Our agitation at the long wenkness of our people; in whom it is difficult to inflise energy, and the lear that the expectations of the friendly Powers may not be easily satisfied, we are filled with constant and pressing anxiety. We hereby re-iterate the prohibition against smoking. The Anti Onium Commissioners and the high officials in the capital and provinces are held responsible to forbid, faithfully and with energy, al officials, civil or military, to smoke. Those in command of troops or in charge of educations institutions are made responsible for suppression of smoking among soldiers and students. As to merchants and the people, the Ministry of the Interior, the Viceroys, Governors, Military Governors and the Governor of the Imperial Prefecture of Shuntienfu. They will try to obtain the best prescriptions, establish Antiopium institutes and distribute free medicine when necessary. They should encourage their sense of honour and adopt the plans and practices of foreign countries so that the people's vices may be gradually lessened and finally eradicated:

As to the prohibition of plantation, Viceroys or Governors, the Governor of the Imperial Prefecture of Shuntienfu and Military Governors are commanded to direct their subordingtes Royal Charter. The objects of the University to carry out the suppression with care and will be to afford a higher education, more es- | thoroughness They should also cause other pecially in subjects of practical utility, on the grains to be planted in place of the pernicious ines of such Universities as Leeds and Bir- drug, and they will be rewarded according to the mingham, and to confer degrees of a standard | the degree of success they attain. The Ministry not inferior to those conferred by such Univer- of the Interiorwill supervise these measures

In regard to devising means to fill the deficit so that it may rid its people of this great

Dividing, in this way, the responsibilities and actions no evasion of burden will be permitted and all concerned are commanded to put forth their best energies to aid us in securing pros perous rule by taking natural advantages 'to ameliorate the conditions of life among our neople. After receipt of this Edict each office actively advocating at Peking, namely, to estab. In the capital or provinces is commanded to make a careful report of its plan of operation l in this affair.

The above Edict is sealed by the Prince Re gent and is signed by the Grand Councillor Prince Ching, Shih Hsu, Chang Chih tung and In Chuandin 1

GOUGH STREET KITCHEN .ABLAZE.

LOSS OF PROPERTY ESTIMATED' AT \$100.

A fire, which might have proved serious owing to the unfavourable wind, broke out at 43. Gough Street-a thoroughfare jutting from Lyndhurst Terrace-just before midnight last Sunday, but was quickly subdued by the Fire Brigade. It started in the kitchen, where burned furiously for a time and things looked black, as a strong wind was blowing the firmes to the other tenements.

Owing to the narrowness of the street nte lighters, who were in charge of Chief Ins. pector Baker, were samewhat handicapped, but The hydrants in three streets were brought into work, and not many minutes after the alarm had been turned in, powerful streams of water were playing on the building.

support an institution in a British colony had a good hold on the rear part of the build. Jions more to imitate,-N. C. D. News. ling, and it was not long ere it crossed to the kitchen of the adjoining house (No. 45). The occupants of near-by bouses were in a great

by insurance, will amount to close on \$100."

SHANGHAL SETTLEMENT BXTENSION

Two resolutions on the official list of motions to be proposed at the annual meeting of ratepavers enter the domain of our local haute politique, and the community has every reason to welcome their appearance as a clear indication that the Council is not forgetting that it authority for action in all such matters can be derived from Ratepayers alone. These resolutions concern the extension of the Settle ment and gambling beyond limits. By the manner in which they are debated, whether oninion be for or against the resolutions, i will be possible to gauge the extent of the practical interest taken by the community at large in the broader features of local politics. There can be no doubt, however that the Council has acted wisely and tactfully in taking this opportunity of bringing the two subjects before Ratepayers. Both have figured prominently in Municipal Minutes of recent years, and it would have been open to, misunderstanding, if the Council had continued to plough b lonely furrow, without seeking the support of and instructions from the Sattlement as a whole. One and the same principle is at stake in each resolution, that no community, any mora than an individual, can exist in complete indifference to and independence of its surroundings. In the case

lized and orderly country. the former is either absorbed eventually or neutral ground is arbitravily interposed as a buffer between the two. . There is nothing strange, nothing to which Administration for law and order on its boundsmall for it. Unless the hopes and expectations of every

single resident among the 14,500 foreigners and

430,000 Chinese in Shanghai are to be belied, this Settlement must continue to grow. If the same standard of orderly government existed on each side of our northern and western boundaries, as is the case with the southern boundary that separates the International Settlement from the French Concession, there would be little or no need for an extension of the Settlement. Between our French neighbours and ourselves there exist almost identical views regarding bealth, police and sanitary requirements, with the result that a common frontier even if it should run down the middle of a road would present no great difficulty to the respect ive administrations. When our boundary touches Chinese territory, a wholly different condition of things exists. On the other side we are confronted not only with an altogether alien conception of government, but also with a seemingly studied desire to promote friction Regarding the latter it may be urged in some quarters that the friction is confined to the subordinates of both administrations, but this fact does not minimize its undesirability, nor make it a less intolerable state of affairs. The constant clashing of police authority tends to the permanent embitterment of the relations between Chinese and foreigners, and it is in the interests of neither party to see it continued A further instance has to be recorded as recently as Saturday, and without inquiry into the merits of the incident, will be admitted that each fresh occurrence of this nature aggravates feeling on both sides. the boundary. The solution of the difficulty as we cannot hope to reform at once the Chinese system of government and mode of life. ed is to be found in placing a buffer between th Settlement and the territory administered by Chinese or by extending our boundary to distant point to which it may reasonably be supposed that Shanghai will have no chance o growing, at least before present differences o nese and foreigners are removed.

In Resolution VIII the Council proposes that it should be empowered to obtain an extension of the Settlement as far as the railway lines, not lincorporating it, but placing this well-defined boundary between ourselves and Chinese ferritory. Such an extension is required in the interests of our relations with the Chinese and for the welfare of the Settlement. It would lentail no occupiary loss on the Chinese, as no the defence. Counsel had not called any -revenue-is-derived-by them from the strips of contribute largely to the well-being of the I foreign residents and of the half million Chinese amongst us. North of the Soochow Creek: I to show that Triad Society, formula was with their matsheds and mud huts erected extended periods and always in a most insanitary condition. Shanghai is threatened taking an active part was not an offence. He with plague this year, and experience teaches how quick this fell disease is to find were satisfactory and were borne out by all out a danger spot of this nature and to batten upon it. From there the process of dissemination would be simple enough, for the Triad Society until they heard the evidence of district is virtually in our midst. The other tract of land which it is sought to incorporate within Settlement limits is part of the Paosban district up to the railway line. It is here that quent, while within the area asked for a large | eight, nine and eleven were the ringleaders. number of foreign houses, twenty-five semipublic or industrial institutions, as well as the new Public Park and Rifle Range are to be found. An extension of the boundary would lead to removal to a greater distance from the centre of the Settlement of numerous gauge of loafers and lawless characters who now profit by Chinese negligence to hang upon our borders at spots where they can most easily ship into the Settlement upobserved. When the last extension of the Settlement was obtained in 1898, with Dr. J. C. Ferguson representing the Chinese authori ties, this Paoshan land was omitted on the understanding that the question would be brought up again for ultimate adjustment Even in those days the Chinese authorities urged that they had "already provided for Police Stations, toads and lighting of the I streets outside the Sollisment." The same contention is advanced to-day, but carries equally little weight. We may hope, therethey tackled the outbreak well, notwithstanding. fore, that the Chinese authorities will once more see the wisdom of providing for the normal expansion of this Bettlement, which confers the greatest possible benefits on hundreds of thousands of Chinese and is a magnificent The fire, by the time the brigade arrived, I model of municipal administration set for mil-

> OFFERING money to a policeman is not a good lying, Last Sunday Lai was arrested for exposmarket. On the way to the lock-up he attempted to buy his release, offering the policeman pinety cents, which, of course, was taken as evidence against the briber. To Mok's surmonth's hard labour for bribe giving, and furled to all the trouble.

RADE MARKS AND DESIGNS. PROTECTION IN CHINA

The following letter from Government was read at the Committee meeting on 12th inst.:-

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. Sir,-With reference to your letter of the 5th November, copy of which was forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor is in receipt of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that the representations of the Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the protection is China, Coren and Japan of British trade marks registered in Hongkong have been placed before the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

(Sgd.), F. H. MAY. Colonial Secretary. The Secretary, The Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

The C. N. steamer Shanlier, Captain Bennett, which arrived at Shanghai on Friday afternoon from northern ports, reported that on the 10th inst. she sighted a small Chinese steamer named Hein Li Vun flying signals of distress between! Chefoo and Welhaiwei. soon as the signals were made out, the Shuntien altered her course and bore down on the disabled vessel at 4.30 p.m. On getting within hail it was found that the Hain Li Yun was and chored at a point twenty-five miles from Weihaiwei with her propeller gone. It had worked loose from the shaft, leaving the exception can be taken, in the desire of this ship helpless, in which condition such had been for five bours. The Captain asked to be aries. An abnormal condition of things exists I towed to Weihaiwei and stated that he had when it is sought to say to a modern progres. I farty-five passengers on board, Chinese and confine a town of the potentialities of Shanghai I she was taken in tow at 5 p.m. and headed for within hard and fast limits, proved already. Weibniwei which port was reached and the vessel not received assistance from some pas- | gers and crew. I sing steamer when she did, it is probable, from the position she was in, that she would have 8th Feb. 1909. I dragged her anchors and driven ashore in the northerly gale that came on late in the day .- approved of the amended regulations under Shanghai Times

A IRIAD SOCIETY.

SIXTEEN MEN CONVICTED AT SINGAPORE

A MEMBERSHIP OF FIVE THOUSAND.

The Singapore Free Press of 12th inst. reports:-Mr. Green, the second magistrate, sattill 7.15 on Wednesday night in an endeavourto finish the case in which seventeen Chinese are charged with attending the meeting of an unlawful society. The last accused was also charged with being a member of an unlawful

The accused gave the following names! V Ah-Li, Chu-Yok Pus, Ko Pl, Wi Chui Chus Teng Chiang Luan, Bway Wa, Leow Leong Seok, Chua Kye Lian, Ang Chui Lian, Lian Ki Fait, Teng Kong Peng, Scow Meng Lim Tan Kuan Poh, Tan Cheng Chye, Tan Ju Hi, Li Siew Teck and Hop Kiat.

Accused numbers one and five (Hylam and Cantonese) had nothing to say. The others declared that they met for the purpose of discussing the formation of a " parental association. They denied that a Triad Society was even mentioned.

The case was continued vesterday. Mr. Rhodes, the D. P. P., appeared for the Crown and Mr. Campbell was the only counsel present for the defence. The Court was again crowd- fund

After Mr. Campbell had cross-examined two of the accused (numbers pine and cleven). he called Teo Xeat Pye. This man described himself as a trader of Jalan Besar and stated that he was at the house of Tan Hap Kigt on December 25, when one of the other accused temperament and administration between Chi- (number eight) called with a piece of red

> Slow Kok Tong was called next. He had been in Court instead of waiting in the witness. room. He declared that on the evening of December 26 he called on the last accused with a present. The present was because Hap Kinds younger sister was to be married.

CASE FOR DEFENCE CLOSED. Mr. Campbell said that closed the case for witness-as-to-character-as-they-did-not them. He was perfectly confident that most of | the accused had never Beard anything about Mr. Peacock in Court.

His worship convicted all the accused except the last man. He did not come to any decision [

A VERY SERIOUS CASE. The D. P. P. explained the Government con sidered this a very serious case. He was entitled to say that the Chinese Protectorate, who understood these things very well, regarded numbers one, eight, nine and eleven as person who were the ringleaders of a society which number five thousand. He asked for a sever penalty for these people and suggested with regard to the other that a fine would meet th

Mr. Campbell said that if his worship intend ed giving these four persons a severe sentence be might deal with the other leniently. They had been trapped into joining.

Numbers one eight, nine and eleven were each sentenced to three months' rigorous im prisonment. The others were fined \$100 or one month each with the exception of the last man week. The same bail (\$1,000) was allowed Mr. Campbell stated that he had been asked to-give-notice-of appeal on behalf of numbers cight, nine and clover.

A very enjoyable concert was held

Joseph's College, when the students of that | any class of labour. But, is there nothing that institution participated in a well-arranged programme of music and recitation on the selves of which legislators have not yet occasion of Rev. Brother Kieran's appointment state of Blarm and no time was lost in removing proposition—especially when you went the as Visitor of England and Ireland at the been troubled?—I. P. Gasalle. their belongings to safer quarters. As usual, policeman to do something for you. Evident | annual celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph. Among the Items given were "Good-bye. Mayourneon" (R. Baptista) "Little Jim" A CARPENTER, Mok Shok, called at a stall in ing for sale pig's entrails in a place other than a (J. B. Xuyen) a duet entitled ! Whispering Bonham Strandlast Sunday, and asked for a pair Hope by R. Baptista and R. Bourguignat, of shoes. He wanted wchespone, he said and "Chatham on the American War" by J. Lopes, a thirty-three cent pair was handed to him a Comic Song by Mr. A. Baptists, The Mok tried them on, forgot to take them off. Wreck of the Hosperus" by J. Thuan, "The and when the hawker, who had been attending prise he was sentenced on Monday morning to a Bong that reached my Heart" by R. Baptista | another customer, looked round the only thinks and "Ireland" by Peter Prevost; which were I he sawwas Mok's cast-offer A noise was raised. that to pay a fine of Sc for the offence, which I all wall received. Prof. Baptista kindly as Mok was caught, and on Monday he herea. i eisled at the plane.

LAICHIKOK OBSERVATION STATION.

AMENDED REQULATIONS

The following reply from the Government was received by the Chamber of Commerce Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, and February, 1909. Sir,-Referring to your letter of the asth ultime on the subject of the regulations for the quarantine station at Laichikok I am directed to: state that this Government propose to publish the enclosed amended regulations. 2. These smoodments will bring the local procedure into line with that obtaining in Bingapore, and it is hoped that they will statisfy the requirements of your Chamber. I am &c. (Sgd.), F. H. MAY,

Colonial Secretary. The Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. Enclosure.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council on theday of 1909 under Section 23 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance. 1889 (Ordinance No. 10 of 1899)

The instructions for owners or agents of in fected vessels made by the Governor-in-Council on the 23rd day of November, 1908, and published in Government Notification No. 2008 are hereby amended by the deletion of instruction I (e) and by the substitution for instruction I of the following:

2. In addition the owners or agents aforesaid shall pay to the Government such charges as the Health Officer of the Port, by certificate under his hand, may certify to have been incurred by Government for medical comforts for the cleansing and disinfection of the vessel. or of the merchandise on board of her, from which the pastengers and crew have been removed, and for the burial of the bodies of any sive community "Thus far and no further," to Japanese. A line was passed to the vessel and of the passengers or crew who may die in the station. They shall also refund to the Government the cost of scavenging the station at a beyond possibility, of contradiction to be too disabled vessel anchored at 8 p.m. " Had the rate of cent per head per day of the passen-

The above letter was acknowledged on the

It was decided to reply that the committee Section 23 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1899 (No. 10 of 1899), and to thank His Excellency the Governor for the consideration shown to the views of the Chamber in the matter.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK. LIMITED.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Thefifty-eighthreport presented to the shareholders at the half-yearly ordinary general meeting, held at the head office, Yokohama, on Wednesday, with March, is as follows:---

Gentlemen :- The directors submit to you. the annexed statement of the liabilities and assets of the Banks, and of the profit and loss account for the balf-year ended 31st December.

The gross profits of the Bank for the past half-year, including yes 1,119,505 brought forward from last account, amount to year 10,798,765 of which yen 7,817,088 have been deducted for interests, taxes, current expenses; rebate on bills current, bad and doubtful debts. bonuk, for officers and clerks, &c. leaving a balance of yen 2,981,676 for appropriation.

Owing to the continued depreciation in the price of silver towards the end of the last halfyear, the directors have decided to adjust the rate of the silver fund held in China by writing off the balance of the silver depreciation

The directors now propose that yes 400,000 be added to the reserve fund, and recommend a dividend at the rate of twolve per cent, per annum, which will absorb yes 1,440,000 The balance, yen 1,141,676, will be carried. forward to the credit of next account.

BARON KOREKIYO TAKAHASHI. Chairman. Head Office, Yokohama, 10th March, 19:9.

THE SBRVANT QUBSTION IN INDIA.

LEGISLATION DEMANDED.

Cries go up from all sides for some kind of legislation regarding domestic servents, that shall be just alike to employes and employed; land to be ceded. On the other hand it would wish to overburden the case. He proceeded to which the Government maintains an attito review the evidence for and ogainst the tude of stolid indifference. The last adjective accused and argued that there was nothing is used with no intent of implying disrespect to the Government. "It is designed simply to lies the district known as Chapel, which is adopted. The only evidence against the last express a very general and by no means delargely inhabited by a low class of Chinese, accused was the appearance of his name on a creasing public sentiment about the absence of circular and a red paper. Counsel quoted at perception which characterises the outlook of on unraised ground, often under water for length the law on prize fighting to show that I the Government on a serious public nulsance. merely being present at a meeting and not All wages are increasing around us, and while the annual globe-trotters make, things worse submitted that the explanations of the accused by giving fabulous wages to men whom they employ, during their winter tour of two or three months-largesses which enable some of these fortunate servants to live in idleness. they so list, for the remainder of the year-all clustes of masters, getting less than Rr,000 a month, are put to all manner of annoyance and loconvenience, sometimes from sheer I about this man, but would look up the point. I insolonce, colleger from the strange toconflicts with the Chinese police are most fre- He agreed with Mr. Rhodes that numbers one, difference of servants to their own true interests: It is surely the interest of a decent servant to obtain continuous employment at a good living wage. Mecessaries of life have risen in cost, for servants no less than for masters with recent years; and if R to, R 12, Rr4, or even Ris, bits off too low a level for the living wage of a boy of from 17 to 20 years, of age, who has a good conceit of himself, and means to do no more than he can be compelled by constant watchfulness to do. some authoritative decrees on the subject would be useful. One hears of stories of servants doing both duties of table servant and bearer, with easy hours, for Rit and Ric and declining to sit or work in quarters while their employer is out; of youths insisting on leave to get afternoon tea, when perhaps the master has just come in, and needs feeding; or, worse still, showing studied but careful insolence to ladies, and leaving at a moment's: notice on being found fault-with even with even abuse or anger. There are surely some goodnatured and decent masters in this country who deserve to be better served, and who are willing to pay any reasonable salary for a fairly honest return of work, who might be protected from continuous worry. The country is in a condition in which the Government might well the evening of the 19th instant at St. hesitate to impose, any, severe restraints upon

a term of fourteen days hard in the Vidra

can be done in the interests of servants them-

I thought because they have not themselves yet

CANTON HANKOW RAILWAY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, 19h March. Yesterday, the usual annual monting of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company was held when there were some six bundred shareholders present. The Taolal of Constabulary (Wobg. Ping Pit), the Taotai for the Development of Native Industries (Chan Mong Tsang); Kwangchow Prefect and the two District Magistrates of Namboi and Pau Yu were invited to attend. Mr. Ng Kee Chin, of Shanghai, the representative of the Shanghai Railway Shareholders! Union, was clected to the chair. presented to the meeting, when there were many items which the shareholders desired to check before being passed! Lit was decided that a body of ten members should be selected to audit the accounts. " Most of the shareholders present expressed their opinion that that they would not be responsible for the increase in salaries of the members of Board of Directors of the Company.

PROTEST BY DRITISH SYNDICATE.

A Peking message to the Asahi says :--Negotiations for the Canton-Wuchang Railway loan for Germany have been successfully concluded, though the contract is not yet signed. The loan was first mooted between Viceroy such steps to minimize matters. Plaintiffs, how-Chang Chih-tung and Mr. Bland, the representative of a British syndicate. Owing to a dis- February, when he wrote to desendant claim. agreement of views as to terms, the negotiations progressed very slowly and Germans stepped in and took the contract. The negotiations were conducted by the president of amounted to \$25-the amount paid into Court the German-China Bank in Shanghai, and the terms of the loan are said to be almost identical with those of the Heinmintun-Mukden Railway The British syndicate is indignant at this denouement and has lodged a protest."-Japan prove negligence, and unless negligence was Chronicia.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

DRUG IN-FISH-BARRELS

The Manila Times, of 17th inst., reports :-Onlum to the value of between P6,000 and P7.000 was found in some barrels of dried fish on the custom house wharf this morning by Assistant Chief Keith of the Customs secret

Last evening news was received by the secret? service that there was more opium hidden in barrels of fish imported from China, as was the small amount taken a few days ago. In a consignment of eight barrels of fish marked " T. B." three large time containing 150 packages of opium which weighed 6; kilos were found in the barrels numbered six, seven and eight.

As yet the officials do not know positively who the owner of the stuff is, but it is believed to be the same Chino who tried to import that which was found a few days ago, both consignments of fish coming in from Amoy on the steamer Taisang last Eriday. Two of the men who were supposed to own the opium seized the other day have left the city, one sail-Ing on the Rubi on Saturday and the other on the Tean yesterday afternoon,

COLLAPSE OF A. FAUTORY CHIMNBY IN OSAKA.

SEVERAL KILLED AND INJURED.

The Japan Chronicle of the 13th last, reports -About 3,20 p.m. on Thursday (the 11th instant) the heavy iron chimney of the engine. room of the Keihan (Kyoto-Osaka) Electric Railway Company, which is now being constructed at Joboku-mura, Higashi-nari districia Osaka, collapsed with tremendous noise. Several men who were at work there were killed or injured and the windows of houses

in the vicinity were smashed by the concussion, The chimney, which was 172 feet high and 66 fest in circumference, had just been erected by the Osaka Locomotive Manufacturing Company, which obtained the contract for the work, More than one-third of the chimney collapsed and the building in course of construction at the base of the chimney was crushed by the falling debris, a stack of bricks also being buried. Many people from the adjoining villages were attracted by the tremendous noise made by the collapse of the heavy chimney, and were appalled by the terrible destruction which met their The groams of the injured men could be heard under the debris. On removing the wreckage two dead bodies were discovered. while four men, who were severely injured, crawled out. These men had been engaged In rivetting the plates of the chimney when the accident occurred. The injured were quickly conveyed to the nearest house and a doctor summoned, but as one man terribly injured

The cause of the collapse has not certainly been ascertained, but it is reported that the foundation of the structure was not properly laid. The iron walls of the chimney had been erected and were then being rivetted. Sud. dealy the chimney was observed to incline to the north, and the next moment it crashed heavily to the ground. Five men were work. ing at the top of the structure, who were all killed, besides those working below, one or two of whom escaped with serious injuries. The damage done is estimated at about Y4,000.

was being removed he died.

GERMAN CONSULATES IN CHINA

Berlin, 18th February,

The Budget Committee of the Reichstag has approved a vote to the amount of £8,750 as the first instalment of the cost of erection of a German Consulate in Tientain. A similar vote was rejected by the Raigheteg last yes Budget Committee has rejected a vote for the acquisition of the site, which is at present rented for the German Consular Service in Ches-

IT is reported that application for renting and Walczykowski was obliged to remain in government land in Tairen have been quite | Hongkong just one month before he was able numerous of late. They have mostly come from to obtain possession of the prisoner. The action and that drastic measures may be taken. to plead until his countel arrived in court, against bribery,

PAOLTY PARTY WALL

INTERESTING CLAIM FOR DAWACES

The Fong Kee Trading Company, of Queen's Road Contral, brought action in the Supreme Court, last Tuesday, against G. Bertolone to recover the sum of \$172,20, being damages alleged to have been sustained by plaintiffe by water leaking into their premises, The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. H. K. Holmes, while Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messre, Wilkinson and Grist, represented the defence. The facts of the case, as outlined by Mr.

Holmes, were that the plaintiffs had a godown in Chu Loong Street-a thoroughfare leading from Ouesn's Road Central to the praya, A party wall divided plaintiffs' godown, from the defendant's premises. On the morning of oth January a quantity of water percolated through this party wall (from the defendant's side) into The accounts of the Company for last year were the godown. A quantity of goods were stored there at the time, most of them being of the upperishable kind. 'Several' cares, however, containing paper, plaster, camphorated balls. etc., were affected and the contents damaged. The Puisne Judge-Some money has been

paid into Court. Is liability admitted? Mr. Grist denied liability, notwithstanding that some money had been paid in. He stated that had plaintiffs given the defendant notice of the leakage at the time, the latter would have been in a position to examine the damage. Instead of that plaintiffs complained to the landlord direct and the party wall was comented and so far no further damage accrued. It was the duty of the plaintiffs to have at once ascertained the extent of the damage and to have taken lever, allowed the thing to stand over until oto ing \$172. Supposing that immediate steps: had been taken, instead of allowing the cases to remain in the damp, the damage would not have -and inasmuch as the plaintiffs had not taken reasonable stens to minimize, but assisted to contribute, to the damage, they were not enti-

proved defendant was not liable. The Puisne Judge-Was it slop water? Mr. Grist-We don't know. This is a bakehouse and under the Sanitary Board regulations it must be washed out very frequently, and there must have been a crack in the cement was called, and after giving his evidence was

very sharply cross-examined. lower level than the defendant's premises?-

And there is a staircase between your godown of writing his body has not yet been recovered. and the premises of the defendant? - Yes. When did you purchase these goods?-Over

And they have been in the godown ever nce ?—Yes.

Were the goods in tin-lined cases?-No. " And you placed them on the ground?-Yes. How long have you been dealing in this class of goods?—Over a year,

Is your floor of cement? -No, tiled. Was the floor damp?-No.

Is there not a certain time of the year whenevery tiled floor in Hongkong is damp?-!

When you opened the damaged cases did you take out the goods? -Yes, to examine them. And you replaced them in the cases, and left of sugar god tobacco admitted free. them there?—Yes. And you made complaint to nobody?---Why

To whom?—The landlord.

Did you ask him to pay you?-He said that if he was to blame he would compromise and pay me something. And you refused to accept the amount?-No. He would not pay afterwards.

Before that you never communicated with the defendant?-No. Can you actually tell us how this water came

into your godown?-Well, I can't say, but the wall is constantly dame. Did you see water coming into your godown? -Why not? If I had not how would I know?

Mr. Grist (loudly)-I am asking you the question. Answer the question yes or no?-And you took no step to remove the cases?

-If I didn't all the goods would have been destroyed.

But why didn't you remove these cases?-They were already wet. When you saw the water coming in, can you

tell us why you didn't communicate with the -defendant?--How-can. I speak to a man like that (pointing to defendant); he is a different caste altogether, replied the witness haughtily, But when you could not get the money from the landlord, who is a Chinaman like yourself you went to the defendant?-I went to the person who caused the damage to pay for it.

The evidence of two sanitary inspectors followed. They spoke to visiting the plaintiffs' godown and finding there water some two inches deep.

His Lordship reserved judgment, CHINESE LAW YERS.

In view of the fact that the revision o Chinese laws has been urged by Imperial Edict and as, according to the programme of necessary measures to be carried out this year in preparation for constitutional government, Courts of different grades are to be organized in all the provinces, H. E. T'ai Hung-t'zu President of the Ministry-of-Finance, deems it necessary to have qualified Chinese lawyers to conduct lawsuits in the Courts for the people. The President's ideas of the legal profession are quite crude and inadequate, and it proposed that a training department for lawyers should be formed. Men who are qualified by their learning and good character for the profession will be admitted to this training department and on passing an examination at the conclusion of their studies, they will be granted a diploma carrying the title of Advocate. They will then be drafted to the various Courts to practise therein. A set of regulations is being framed to carry out the scheme,-N. C. D. Neus,

C. J. MARCHANT, the Parece who was arrested in Honekong last month at the request of the Mabina police on a charge of disposing of certain jewelry which it is alloged was the property of Angela-Carrillo was brought back this morning on the Zafiro by Detective John Walczykowski of the secret service bureau, says the Manila Times of the 16th inst. Marchant made a hard fight against extradition

GOVERNUENT HOUSE.

Lord and Lady Meath and Lady Violet Brabazon arrived this morning by the s.s. Kleist and are the guests of Mir Excoloncy the

During the forenoon Lord Meath, attended by Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Captain Taylor. A.D.C. visited Victoria School and Kowloon School and addressed the pupils on the meaning and hopes of the." Empire movement. At Lord Meath's request the pupils of both schools were granted a half-holiday by the Inspector of Schools,

His Excellency and Lord Meath, attended by Captain Simson, watched the finals of the baseball team, after which His Excellency haoded to the winning team the Cup presented by the Committee of Entertainment. "At 3.30 p.m., Lady Moath presided at a meeting of the Ministering Children's League held

at St. Pauls College, The following guests have been invited to dinner of Government Houseat 8,15 p.m. this evening :-Sir George & Ludy Errington, General Broadwood, Caplain Heathcote, Mr. and Mrs. David, Mr. and Mrs. May, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Lander, Sir-Henry Berkeley, Mr. Wilder, Admiral Harbor,

Flag-Lieutenant Leaby, Captain Fairfax, Judge and Mrs. Thayer. The Earl and Counters of Meath and Lad

Violet Brabason proceed to Europe by the s.s.

CARGO-BOAT POKI DROWNED

Ricist to morrow.

FELL INTO HARBOUR WHILE LOOKING

death, took place this morning in the harbour At about 4 a.m. to-day, a cargo-boat, licence tled to damages. It was the plaintiffs' duty to | number 376, weighed her anchor to leave for Wanchai to load coal. The craft was anchored | off the Harbour Department, and every preparation was being made for the journey when the cry went up that one of the fokis had fallen was no sign of the man, who, no doubt, had The managing partner of the plaintiff firm disappeared as soon as he touched the water. The unfortunate foki was named Li Yau Shing, aged twenty-seven, and it would appear that Mr. Grist-Now, your godown is on a slightly | while attending to the sail he accidentally slipped and, failing to regain his hold, dropped everboard and was drowned: 'Up to the time

THE UNITED STATES.

TARIFF REVISION.

Washington, March 18,

Congressman S. E. Payne, who was active in framing the McKinley and Dingley Tariff Laws, introduced to-day in the extra session of Congress, a General Revenue Bill to meet the special object for which Congress is holding this session. The Bill would permit of reciprocal ca, with a restriction placed on the amount provides for a general revision of the American tariff on a downward scale, decreasing the duty on refined sugar. It also includes an loheritance Tax, the issue of Panama Canal Bonds to the extent of \$40,000,000, and Treasury Certificates amounting to \$250,000,000, making up the revenues to the \$300,000,000 necessary to overcome the deficit for 1910, The proposed Internal Revenue does not touch liquors, but increases the taxation on cigarettes to sixty cents per thousand,-N. C. D. News.

PRICE OF A BROKEN NOSB.

AN AMERICAN'S EXPERIENCE IN AN EATING

`23rd inst. A dispute over the price of a chicken caused some bloodshed in the Central district yester-

day. The parties appeared in the Police Court. this morning, to have matters adjusted. According to the evidence, it would appear that an American civilian made his appearance

in an eating-house at 7, Graham Street yester. dav afternoon:

waiter when seated. waiter returned with half a chicken, which he placedoin front of the visitor. The chicken

was soon eaten, and the Yank inquired what the "damages and breakages" were. "Forty cents," replied the waiter, holding out his hand for the cash.

"No, no, John," the American is quoted as saying. "This bill of the fare talkee half chicken makee twenty-five cents. I have order one whole chicken.". And without any further "talkee" he deposited that amount on the table and proceeded to quit the building."

What happened after this is not clear, but it would seem that an effort was made to stop the representative of the Stars and Stripes from leaving. This the man did not like, and, it was alleged, he dealt the waiter a stunning blow on the nose, partly putting that organ out of order.

To say that a policeman was called is needless. At the Central Police Station, Inspector Gourlay, in his usual peace-making way, asked the Chinaman if the matter could not be settled with compensation,

"Yes," said the Chinaman quickly. "If he gives me \$40 I won't prosecute ! ". This was too much for the American, "What !" he cried. "Do you want me to buy you a new nose? Think of it, \$40 for a smashed nose |" The Chinaman would not accept a cent less, with the result that the accused appeared in the Police Court, to-day, charged with assault, for which he paid \$7, and to the waiter's

astonishment only \$3 compensation was award.

KETUKE OF VISITOR TO THE City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 21st March, 1909:--

Library, Museum. -Chinese 217 3,533

IT will be remembered that some time ago an ledge of the boxes in question. He sailed from | isa curpenter, residing at 27, Praya East, charter. | freighter. On February 8th at 8.5 a.m. when foreign and Chinese firms of Shanghai and Governor, of Hongkong finally ordered the Imperial Order was issued urging the compile. Shanghai on Merch 6 or thereabouts, He was other places, who seem anxious to set up in captain superintendent, of the colony's tion of new Legal Codes in China. Under this lying outside the Woosung bar, seventeen touring the town. But when it came to paying blowing from the south-east and a very high business here, says the Manshu Nichinichs police department to have the men placed pressure the Commissioners for Revision of the coole Neg could not find any amuse sea which sent big seas sweeping over the Shippen. The have found, however, to their aboard a vessel in charge of a representative Laws have been busily engaged with their luggage. As ment in that and said so: The coolie naturally bow and along the waist of the ship, the bkter disappointment, that almost every piece of the government. Mock Hing, a Chinese deputies and secretaries and have completed a rule, there were two men in charge of the made a noise. Nag made a noise also, but a wind suddenly died away and the sea fall with of laud worth renting in the whole of the town detective, was selected for this work and he drafts of a Criminal Code and of Civil and gangway, a quarter-master and a sailor. These much more serious noise. He overturned the same time rising 6-toths of an of the control of the by, certain speculators; leaving them no other entered the three mile zone this morning when municated to the Ministry of Justice for com- were always carried out. They had to watch lesson in the noble art. Again the codie most linch, from 29.12 to 29.70. The strange phone. allemative than to sub-lease the land from the be formally transferred him to Walczykowski, ment. Copies will be circulated to the different was brought on board or taken from foolishly protested so londly that a policeman, menon was noted in the log and was considered. latter. A good many fine lots remain in the Soon after landing he was turned over to the provinces for comment and annotations before the ship. He had never heard of passengers came up and placed the Nipponese in custody. The strangest occurrence experienced at sea by grip of these speculators who are looking out short. When Marchant was taken before their submission to the short. When Marchant was taken before their submission to the sloamer's crew, The strengt was for the first opportunity to sell their claims on Judge Crossfield to plead to the charge against and promulgation. Apropos of this question, wouldn't get many passengers if that were the with refusing to pay legal birst damaging a cut down to three knots speed, steaming with

GERMAN MAIL DETAINED.

CARES OF OPIUM IN BAGGAGE ROOM.

CAPTAIN CHARGED AT POLICE COURT

The German mail stoamer Prinzess Alice Was unable to get away at noon, yesterday, as originally planned, owing to the discovery on board of 1,440 tabils of chandu; valued at \$4,320; reports the Straits Times of 16th inst. The skip. per, Captain P. Gosche, was summoned to appear before the fourth magistrate, Mr. A. do Mello, this morning, on a charge of being the master of a ship used for the importation of The little fourth court room was crowded with officers from the ship and representatives of Messrs. Behn Meyer and Co., the local agents for the Norddeutscher Lloyd. Large cases of chandu, more than has been scen in the police courts at one time for years, were brought in by the chintings;

Mr. G. S. Carver appeared for the Opium Farmers and Mr. D. Y. Perkins for the Captain: As soon as the magistrate had taken his seat, Mr. Perkins said :- I understand that a warrant of warrest has been issued for the detention of the Pringest Alice. My learned friend must have been forgetful of the ordinance when he applied for such an order. The North German Lloyd mail steamers are, to all intents and purposes, men-of-war, and should be considered as such, by the ordinance. I therefore demand, ask should say, for her immediate release.

He then proceeded to road the Ordinance in detail, but was interrupted by the magistrate, who said that a clause referred to was no longer in force.

QUESTION OF SEIZURE.

Mr. Carver explained that there were, in any case, certain formulities which had to be effected, under the section, and these had not What was indeed a sad accident, resulting to been attended to. Certain copies of the Government Gazette which he did not have at hand at the moment, but had sent for, would show that the convention referred to counsel for the defendant had been abrognt ed. In any case, the ship was not unde

Do I understand that you do not intend overboard. All work was stopped, the junk seize the steamer? asked Mr. Perkins.—That he received them back. was swung round, a scarch was made, but there, depends. If you will give an undertaking that the fine—that is if any fine is imposed—will be ! paid, I shall withdraw the wattant.

The warrant has been illegally issued and cannot give any such undertaking, replied Mr

The magistrate stated that he believed that the warrant was perfectly legal, Mr. Perkins asked him to take a note of his

VISITED BY POLICE.

Mr. Hawtry, second assistant superintendent of police, then gave evidence of the scizure saying that he visited the Princes Alice a 1 p.m., yesterday, at Borneo Wharf and found two cases in the baggage room. One of them had been opened, and contained tins wrapped up in a gunny bag. Signs of opium were visible on the ship near the baggage room entrance.

What do you mean by signs?-Drops. Witness went on to say that the first drop he saw was on the step at the gangway, outside free-trade between the Philippines and Ameri- the baggage room, and others were visible on the steps going down into the room. Chandu had been leaking, and the box and bag were smeared. Witness took the chandu to his office and called the Farm tester, who told him that it was Shanghai opium. In the unopened box there were sixty-one tins and in the one that was opened there were twenty nine. [the gunny bag there were six tins, nearly empty apparently from leakage. Sixteen of the tips were subsequently opened and the contents emptied into a big tin alter it had been weigh. ed. He knew that the tonnage of the Pringess

Alies was over 500. We admit that, ejaculated Mr. Perkins. OPIUM NOT CAMBIER.

Witness went on to say that the chief officer of the vessel explained to him that he thought he chandu was gambier.

Questioned about this by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Hawtry admitted that he used the expression in the present tense. There was a splotch on the deck and when the Chief Officer saw this he 'asked: This is gambier, 'isn't it?' The baggage room was open, but the part into which he had to go to get the opium was not easily accessible. A door had to be opened to enable him to get in.

The court was interrupted several times by the great noise and confusion in the hall, way. "I want a whole chicken," he said to the where there has been a continual uproar of There is always a large throng of lonfers After a lapse of about quarter of an hour the there, many of whom should be attending to their duties, who chat and laugh and quarrel apparently without let or hindrance.

Sheikh Abubakar, head chinting for the Opium Farm, who had accompanied Mr. Hawtry, gave corroborative evidence. Inspector Filzgerald, Department of Weights

and Measures, gave evidence as to the weight of the chandu which had been removed from the sixteen tins, which he gave as fourteen pounds, four ounces and six and a half drams. This was equivalent to 187.7 tabils, PROTEST ENTERED.

Lin Tang Yew, the Farm's tester, said that he saw the exhibits at Mr. Hawtry's office. vesterday afternoon. He examined the chando and found that it was of Shanghai origin. The value per tabil locally was \$3. He did not

know its value in Shanghai. Cross-axamined by Mr. Perkins, he said that he opened and examined one tin only, but he also examined the opium which was leaking from the tine in the gunny bags. The words on the tins were. Shangbal and the name of s chop or person. Ordinarily, smuggled chandu came in flat tins without labels, but there was a case before when chandu came from Shang hai in round tins with labels. Three and balf or four months ago a D. P. C. arrested man at Tanjong Pager with Shanghal oplum

Mr. Carver stated that this closed the case Mr. Perkins said that his learned friend had taken statements from two persons on the ship and these persons ought to be called. . It was his duly to place before the court all the evidence at his command. He protested against the way in which, the presecution way being conducted.

... I don't think I can force them to call these. persons, said the magistrate. CAPTAIN'S STORY.

Capt. P. Gosche stated that his steamer was a mail steamer subsidised by the German Government. She arrived at the wharf, yesterday morning. He had no personal knowthe best terms obtainable. It is believed this him he said that he had engaged Herbert, D. the Government intends to the extent of \$4.50 and assault by difficulty against the storm one minute, and

sengers and luggage, at 6.30 p.m. leaving Shanghai at 4 p.m. Cross-examined by Mr. Carvor, he said that the quarter-master and sallur did not examine the bargage closely when it arrived. Some times other things besides baggage were put in

the baggage room. Passengers baggage usually had the passengers' name, on a label provided by the company for the purpose. The boxes had the mark Singapore on a paper label and no other mark of identification. RECEIVING THE BOXES.

Mr. Henschoo, the chief officer, said that ho first saw the boxes in the presence of Capt. marks on the main deck as large as the box. at Woosung. Mr. Hoftmann, the baggage master, said that

them from the chief cook of the steamer and no suspicion it was chandu. He thought that of correspondence and printing. The work they were ship's stores. He did not know of the Society can only become effectual opium when he saw it. The boxes were nailed on condition of its obtaining the utmost down. On arriving in Singapore he placed possible number of correspondents, in the cases on deck at 4 a.m. They remained all parts of the Empire, through whom on deck till 9, a.m. Then the runner from it may collect, and disseminate informa-Raffles Hotel arrived who, he understood, I ation regarding the location, history and conwas to take them away. He did take them dition of monuments. By this means it should eshore and loaded them on a luggage van be possible in course of time to create a body but brought them back because they were of public opinion, first among foreigners and leaking. It was it or 12 o'clock when he thence among Chinese, for the protection of returned them, saying that he could not have what is unique and beautiful. them because they were leaking too much. Even within the comparatively short space Witness took them back to the luggage room of time that has clapsed since the idea of the and reported their return to the chief cook. China Monuments Society was mooted no They then proceeded to open them to see little progress has been made towards the dewhat was broken inside. They found several sired end. The first rumours of the Society's of the tins leaking. Witness was then called aims have drawn forth a ready response from he had to receive. The cases were leaking these columns, several contributions from

him that the chief cook had some cases for him. On the voyage down, as the cases were leaking, he asked the chief cook what the contents were. If they were not for an employee of the N. D. L. he would not have received them in their new district that is opened up for easy comsticky condition. Witness suggested that they might contain syrup. They were not leaking too evident that the tendency of wanton defacein Shanghai, however,

TO BE CALLED FOR.

Mr. Prons, the chief cook, said that he receive ed a request to take two boxes at Shanghai, it did not come from anyone in connection with the ship. It was by letter, and no intimation was given as to the contents of the boxes At Singapore he was to send them to Raffles Hotel, where they would await the arrival of the person who wrote the letter. The boxes were handed to him on board the tender by Chinaman, who brought no letter but men tioned the name of the writer of the letter Witness asked the baggage master to take them into the baggage room. After they came back from shore in Singapore he saw them

He assisted the baggage master in openida them in the baggage room and having examined the contents left them there. When he received the boxes at Shanghai he had no suspicion that they contained chandu. He had never seen before. He did not even suspect it when he saw the box leaking here. The man who sent the letter was a steward on board another ship of the N.D.L. Witness had met him in Singapore about eight months ago. He merely took the cases to please him because he asked him in a friendly way to do so. It was usual for officers of the company to have boxes forward ed to them in this way on the company

Cross-examined by Mr. Carver, witness said that he received the letter in question a Hongkong on his way to Shanghai and toro i up immediately ofter perusal as was his usual custom. It was stamped Singapore. The steward was on the Singapore-Bangkok run and never went to China himself.

He had never told anyone that he had re ceived the letter from the Chinese steward. Mr. Perkins then addressed the court, and said regarding the employee of the Co. referred to that his name was in the possession of the police and the Co, had telegraphed instructions that he be not allowed to desert.

The magistrate said that he would take til Thursday morning to consider his decision. Messrs. Behn Meyer and Co., would give an undertaking to pay any fine which might be inflicted, Mr. Perkins stated, and Mr. Carve accordingly asked that the order for the detention of the ship be rescinded.

THE STAR CINEMATOGRAPH. OPENING PERFORMANCE LAST NIGHT.

23rd inst.

The above cinematograph, which was to have given its initial performance on Saturday night, but which had to be postponed owing to the light having failed, opened last night with a-combination-of-vaudeville-turns-before a moderately-filled house,... The films which were presented to the audience cannot be said to bave been particularly distinct, but taking into consideration that it was the first night, it is but right to make some allowances for this drawback, which should be capable of improvement until arrangements are perfected. Parti cular mention should be made of Bab Daughtry, who entirely fulfilled all the attri butes claimed for her by the management. Her manner on the boards was easy and the little performer was absolutely free from stage fright. Her sheath gown performance was much appreciated, while her songs were excellent, the subject being the fortunate possessor of a clear enunciation. The little girl is veritably the personification of juvenile-talent and we can assure readers that a visit to the latest cipemeleverab establishment to see the clever pendature of reform, M.C.D. News, formance of a clever child would certainly be I well repaid. The other performers are Misses Vera Vaughan and Lottie Oatley, besides Mr. Linton David, whose capabilities as a planist cannot be questioned.

NAGANO KASADA is a Japanese: butthat could easily be discovered by the name, Nag, who continual gates retarding the lightly-laden state of things hap roused the authorities to Gale to represent him, and was not prepared in some to draft a badly needed sat of Laws company, ten of these remains to the Far, East, the coolie, He was fined So in all, and order the was put to full speed through a The launch tisually came to the ship with pear ad to pay the coolin \$2.70 compensation. I calm sea with a glass-like singoth surface.

It is just six months since we first referred to the movement that has been set on foot for the preservation of China's encient monuments from the destructive hand of modern vandalism. The movement has now taken definite shape. under the name of the China Monuments Socicly and by the last mail from Peking, where the Society's headquarters are located, we have received a proliminary circular, printed in English and French, which sets forth briefly the objects of the undertaking. A thoroughly representativa Committee has been secured, in-Hawtry in the baggage room, and noticed cluding the names of Sir John Jordan, M. Bapat, the French Minister at Poking, M. itself, while there were drops on the steps. Korostovets, the Russian Minister, Mr. Ijuin. The baggege room was kept locked. There | the Japanese, and Mr. Oudenlik, the was a great quantity of baggage on board. Charge d'Affaires for the Notherlands; while These boxes were standing free, not hidden among those who are already registeraway underneath baggage. There were two | cd as members are many of the foreign remen whose identity he knew at the gangway | sidents best known in China in connection with literature, diplomacy and commerce. It is sincerely to be hoped that all who feel their the two cases were taken on board the steamer imaginations stirred by the immemorable an-Princess Alice at Woosung. Witness received | tiquity of the Chinese Empire, and by the sight of the relies which it has handed down to the stowed them in the baggage room. The chief | present day, will signify their interest by encook told him that they were for Singapore and | rolling themselves as members of the Society, he put the labels on them. He did not know for which the annual subscription is no what the contents of the boxes were and had more than one dollar to cover the expenses

CHINA'S ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

away because the steamer Argo brought bag- mady quarters. Apart from the notes which gage from the Dutch Mail from Batavia which have been published from time to time in when he first sent them ashore as well as when | correspondents in different parts of China have recoully been received at head. When the runner went on board, witness told | quarters and these are to be made public as carly as possible. Altogether the organizers of the Society are entitled to congratulate themsolves that their venture is well launched. It does not come a moment too soon. With every munication with the outside world it is only ment is to spread. The closing to visitors of the temple To Kao Tien at Peking was noticed in these columns six months ago; and a similar prohibition is also threatened in the case of the Temple of Heaven. Numerous instances of mutilation are reported at Tsiningchou in Shantung, in the Western Hills near Peking and at Hangchow; while the extension of the railway to Tsinaniu, Kaifengiu and Honaniu will expose the antiquities of these cities also to the depredations of memento-hunters. The case for the Ming tombs at Nanking lies so near to our own doors and has been set forth so recently and with so much force in the letter address. ed to us a few weeks ago by Mr. David Free. man that it need not be further emphasized here. It serves, however, to illustrate what is,

perhaps, the most irritating of all forms of vandalism. The visitor who despoils temple or tomb of fragments of stone tracery or carved panel can at least plead that he is only afflicted by an acute form of that mania which has given rise to a special law of condonation for collectors throughout the world. The tombs at Nanking offer little that can be carried away, beyoud the dragon tiles, probably for the most part spurious, which are offered for sale by the natives of the district ; and vandalism can see - no alternative for spoliation but to leave something of itself. in the shape of its own patronymic. In one place the name of a certain foreign gunboat has been cut so deeply that the sailors must have brought a chisel with them for the express purpose. Patriotic motives may possibly be pleaded in extenuation of such defacement. The abswer is that patriotism should be butter instructed, and in this particular instance on two grounds. For the name of the gunboat is wrongly spolt. It is only fair to add that Chinese visitors to

the Ming tombs have been apparently possessed with a passion for inscribing their names almost equal to that of foreigners. These inscriptions are indeed the less offensive of two in that they are written, not carved; and because Chinese characters must seem to harmonize better than Roman with Chinese monuments. But in so far-as the ultimate responsibility of her possessions devolves upon China herself, the nation. as a whole cannot escape blame; and until the native authorities are wrought upon for the protection of the national beritage, the efforts of a foreign society can have but partial success. But for the manifest absurdity of attempting to gauge Chinese methods of thought by western, might be suggested that the peoples that forbids the least disturbance of any natural feature of the landscape wherein the local superstition of " lengshui " may trace a tutelary spirit. is strangely inconsistent in its neglect of relics which, as a visible embodiment of, ancestor worship, might have been thought to appeal to its one predominant belief. The seeming disregard of the Chinese for their national treasures of art is the more conspicuous est the present time for the contrast that it offers with their eagerness to keep up appearances on all other points of contact with foreign observation. . Of all the manifold pitfalls which beset China's pathway to-day, as she turns from oriental methods to western no dauger threatens her more closely than that of grasping at the shadow to lose the substance. It might be argued that the Chinese mind has a different connotation for the word reality, especially as applied to the profits: derivable from railway, construction, from that of the European. But when she aspires to Western ideals she must be content to be judged by western standards; and to be stretching out her bands for what she has not, while neglecting the things, that she has, be they monuments, temples, roadways or canals, is a very unpractical interpretation of

THE officers of the steamer Inverie, of the Bank line, which reached British Columbia last month from Japan with 2,700 tons of general freight, were puzzled by a strange phenomenon. encountered during the long voyage of ar days from Yokohama, with a succession of almost

Domestic Warfare.

AN INDIAN SCANDAL

(LLEGED LLL-TREATED DY HUSBAND)

A somewhat amazing story was told to Mr." H. Kemp in the Police Court, on the 24th inst when the domestic troubles of an Indian and his wife came up to be idecided. The Indian community-policemen, warders, watchmen, and what not-turned out in large numbers and long before the magistrate took his seat on the Beach every available space in the court room was occupied, so great was the crush of those enger for a bit of scandal.

Mula Singh, a milk dealer, rasiding at 52. Ma-tou chung, was the defendant, and he was charged, or to be correct, summoned for assaulting his wife, Parem Kaur, on the 16th instant, at their home.

The prosecutrix was represented by Mr. H K. Holmes, while the defence was in the hands of Mr. J. H. Gardiner, of Messrs. Brutton and

The complainant, a rather good-looking warman, and of fair complexion, about 28 years old, was dressed in her national costume. She said she was defendant's wife, and had been the Colony for about eight months. -!

. Mr. Holmes—How long have you been married to the defendant?—Four months. Since then where have you been living?-Near Kowloon City. Has the defendant treated you well? -No.

very badly. Well, what is your complaint against him?-He constantly struck me.

What happened on the 16th?-I was struck | where it has found, warm supporters. very much with a chopper at two o'clock in the morning. I was struck on the face and back. and knocked down. The complainant, proceeding, said that after

she had been assaulted she left the house, and declared she would not return again under his roof because she was afraid. Has the defendant ever threatened you?-

Yes. He said he would kill me. Have you heard him say anything since the summons was taken out that would lead you to go back or stay away?-I heard people say he was going to kill me.

And you are afraid to go back ?-He won't allow me back. Mr. Gardiner (cross-examining)-You were a liceused disorderly woman when you were at

Singapore?-No. Quite sure?-Yes. Before you were married you lived with your sister and her husband?-Yes. Before the marriage you obtered into an

agreement with the defendant?-Yes. Under that agreement, your husband was to forfeit the sum of \$1,000 if one left the other for seven days at a stretch? - Yes;

Mr. Holmes-I don't object, but I don't see what the agreement has to do with it. Mr. Gardiner-But it does. (To witness)-Now, isn't it your reason for bringing this charge to avoid any payment under the agree-

ment?-If I lived with him he'd kill me. Haven't you told people that the defendant was frightened of you?-No. On the 16th when you said he struck you with a chopper, what part of the chopper did

he use?-I'don't know. I was lying down, and he was on top of me. But surely you would know?-I don't. I've

marks. · Those marks you have there, didn't you do it yourself with a razor?-No one would do that. (Laughter), If you ask the Hunghom inspector he would tell you all about my marks.

You could tell us better. You experienced them. Was there a light burning in the room?

What time did you leave the house? -- At five o'clock, arriving at the Police Court at The complainant did not know a woman-

named Kato. On her way to Yau-ma-ti, she met nobody. Since the complaint was made she had not returned to her husband's place. You've been living with a man since you left his house, haven't you? - No.

Then where have you been living? -- Sometimes at the temple and walking about. Walking about for twelve days?-I was at the temple sometimes.

Where have you been getting your food? Has the Government been supplying you?-1 got my food at the temple. Sometimes I, went

without it. . Isn't it your intention of going back to Singapore to join your people?—No, I want to

ston here. The defendant gave you \$100 a few days &c., before you left him? -- No; not even a cent. Tulloc Singh, a watchman in the employ of the Peak Tramway Company, stated that some days ago he heard the defendant say that if his wife returned to him he would cut her nose off

and such-like things. Mr. Gardiner.—You were a sergeant in the police?—Yes. And was dismissed?—Yes. You have been living with this woman? -No.

Youv'e been keeping her?-No. 7. The case for the defence was then opened, the defendant being called to the stand. He appeared to be a man of about fifty-six years old. He stated that before his marriage, he paid complainant's sister \$400. After his marriage he suspected that his wife would leave him one day, so he had the contract made. He I strengthen his actions,-N. C. D. News. knew the defendant before his marriage, she and her sister being inmates of a house of illfame in Singapore. Defendant denied assaulting-his-wife :- "I-spent-nearly-\$1,000-on-her." he added. On the 16th he collected \$100 which he gave his wife to keep, but she had not yet returned the money. Questioned as to whether he assaulted his wife that morning, defendant answered sweetly and No one would strike his

own wife!" Mr. Gardiner-It has been heard of (Laughter).--Whether-you-did-or-not-is-the

question. Since his wife left him, defendant went on, she went to live in a house occupied by four men only. He had sent messages to get her back, but she refused. He had never PAULO HIM TO GO WAS TO YOU HOT MORE ROO DET

husband to come to Hongkong and live with them. As this was not possible his wife's sister wrote her and asked her to return to Sin. | was nothing else left to be done they clashed, and

Cross-examined-Defendant arranged to marry the complainant sight months ago. He married the complainant, because he wanted her to cook and look after his house for him. She pover made mistakes with the cooking. Prior to the 16th he had cause for complaint, His wife went out and did not come back for a whole day... He did not know a man hamed i Chards Singh. All he knew about him was what he had heard from his wife, who once stated that she had been to his house and had food. "She also invited defendant to go there.

Hit Worship-i dismiss the summons. Mr. Gardiner asked his Workship to suggest to the wife to seturn to her husband. His Worship only smiled.

ANOTHER foreign modesirable, who was been approaching pedestrians in Des Voux Road tast Sunday night, was promptly placed under arrest. In the Police Court, on Monday, a fine of Stowas imposed. A few more prosecutions may put an and to the nuisance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

by Correspondents in this column. 1. MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir. - Yesterday a gathering of young folks belonging to the Ministering Children's League, was assembled in the garden attached to the Bishop of Hongkong's residence. This Society has been for some time established in this island, and at Kowloon, introduced Mrs. May, the popular and energetic wife

of the Colonial Secretary. So actively was the work of the League carried on in this locality that I understand that last year no less than £100 was realised, and divided amongst various charities.

It may be of some interest to your readers ! To pay a final dividend to know that this world-wide League was started—now many years since-in Lord Meath's and my house in Kowloon; its object being to train young people in unselfish ways. especially to teach them how to be of service. To carry forward to the credit of next to those who suffer.

Rach branch, as it starts, is invited to take up some definite charitable work-and-though the Society was by no means established first for the purpose of inaugurating charitable Institutions—yet no less than 20 buildings, devoted to religious and benevolent work, are scattered far and wide about the globe,

England can boast of 8 of these, Australasia claims 5, whilst in the United States, Egypt, Russia and elsewhere, "ministering" hands have been actively at work to brighten the lot of the poor, the sick and the suffering. The League is now being introduced into Japan,

Last year, at a time when I was very unwo in Germany, and unable to attend to the work of the League, I received from two high dignitaries of the Church in Australia assurance of the good and lasting work done by the League

in the Cilonies. The Ministering Children's League is undenominational: it exists only to do good and to teach the young that happiness lies, not in the direction of self-gratification, but in selfsacrificing devotion to lofty aims-serving God

by serving fellow-man. The Central Office of a Society which has found favour, not only in British dominions, but in a rapidly increasing number of foreign lands, is at 83, Lancaster Gate, London—the house where it was originally founded—and have the privilege of being its Central Hon. Secretary, Mrs. May, will I am sure, kindly give any local information which may be required respecting this Association.

I remain, Sir,

Government House. Hongkong, March 24th, 1909.

PETITION FOR LIGHTS ON KAPSING ISLAND AND-ON-TONG KU ISLAND OR BOULDER POINT.

APPROADHES TO HONGKONG

The following letter was sent to the Government in reference to the shipmasters' petition printed in the Telegraph of 20th inst. :-

Chamber of Commerce, 18th March, 1909. Sir,-I beg to inform you that my committee have had before them the copy of a widelysigned petition af masters of river and coasting vessels addressed to the Honourable the Har-

bour Master to the effect that :-(i) A light be placed on the southern end of Kapsing Island to act he a leading light across the harbour to Kapsing Moon Pass.

(2) and that a light be placed either on Tong. Ku Island or Boulder Point to act as a leading light for turning into Brother Channel and also for the West River steamers passing between Tong Ku and Sau Chauz-My committee consulted several of the prin-

cipal shipping firms and from them learn that

the lights petitioned for would be not only use-

ful but are actually necessary for safe naviga-In the opinion of this Chamber, therefore, the light suggested in the first paragraph of the petition is one which is urgently required and should in their opinion receive the consideration of the Government: the erection of the latter light could be postponed temporarily if the condition of the Colony's finance render

such a step desirable. The committee of the Chamber trust that this matter will receive the earnest consideration of His Excellency the Governor.—I have

(Sgd.), E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

Hop. Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.C., Colonial Secretary. 🐪 --EX-VICEROY ISEN CHUN-HSUAN

It is stated that ex-Viceroy Tsen Chunbelian, whose austerity and uprightness have been the terror of many Chinese officials, has been summoned to Peking, as the authorities recognize that he will prosecute the opium suppression with energy and thoroughness; for there may still be perfunctory effort and connivances by the officials in carrying out the prohibition. It is further stated that he will be given a free hand, full powers, in his office, to

> A""SUFFRAGETTE" IN ... HONGKONG._

AN UNFORTUNATE POLICEMAN'S ENCOUNTER It is quite an easy matter for a policeman to arrest Mero Man, be he obstreperous or otherwise; but in the case of an excited female

Bobby has a handful, as a certain lukong will

At about eight o'clock last night two native

agree to-day.

women were engaged in a very heated argumentin Un Shing Lane—a passage way running | Cash on hand................. from Third Street into Eastern Street. The uproar created attracted a good crowd, which was: threatened to take her life. What his wife thoroughly convert the packing spouse there were women began by calling each other nice names: family history was then introduced picked thoroughly, and scattered to the winds, and as there a hair-tugging competition opened. The crowd

discretion the better part of valour released herself and made away. The other, however, stuck to her ground and defied the officer, who had invited her, to the lock-up. The inoffen. held for the residue of the term of 75 years from sive policemen approached the virago, to his the 1st January, 1900, subject to the payment cost. She sprang at him like a tigress, selzed of the due proportion of the Annual Crown blm by the tunic, which she destroyed, and Rent and to the performance of the covenants with efficient machinery, for the treatment of committee impracticable. worked him up, so an eya-witness alleged. to a doorway, where she held him, powerless. The poor policeman thought, no doubt, that he had trespassed in a Suffragette Camp, Lucki- | \$8,000 was seached, when it was knocked ly, assistance arrived and the lady willingly down to Mr. Wong Mui Sam for that price. went to the station. This morning, in the Police Court, she was fined \$5 for disorderly | Last Sunday night being somewhat dark Chan behaviour and also ordered to pay the lutong. Shoung was in need of a lamp to find his way may be dealt with more or less fully according to seamen without conferring any henefit upon Scientra for the demage done to his tonic | home. He knew where he could get one fon the lothe interest shown at the Congress. The lady's name we did not get, but surely | nod."so to speak and went to the Commissariat. there is plenty of room for her in a Buffragist's | Department. There he found the object of his I lished dealing with the project and all the project and the raid at home-more so when she can tackle a wist, which cost the Army people Sg. Chan was

I policeman in the way she did.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMBNT

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the twentieth ordinary general mosting to be held at the office of the general man agers on Saturday, 3rd prox. at 11.30 o'clock a.m., is as follows:--Appexed we have the pleasure to lay before

year ending 31st December, 1908. The net profit, after providing for depreciation on buildings and machinery, launches, &c. and including the amount brought forward from the previous year, amounts to \$364,756.74 which it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz :--

of cocents per share \$200,000.00 Add interim dividend of:

40 cents per share 150,000.00 350,000.00

Consulting Committee.-In accordance with the articles of association, Sir Paul Chater, C.M G., the Hon. W. J. Gresson and Dr. J. Noble retire, but being eligible, offer them-

selves for re-election. Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin who are recommended for re-election. SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,

General Managers. Hongkong, 20th March, 1909.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. Interest SI, TIO.04 Consulting committee's fees Amounts written off as bad debts ... Amount written off as depreciation for 1908 Ic6,428.21

Interim dividend \$160,000.00 Balance 204,756.74 364,756.74

Balance brought forward from 1907..\$... 5,078.16 Fransfer fees ".... ".... Exchange Unclaimed dividends 1899 to 1906. Balance from working account:-. Sales of coment.....\$501,982.99 Less loss on sales of

bricks, pipes, &c.,... 2,675.54 499,307.45

BALANCE SHEET. Capital: 400,000 shares at \$10 each fully Reserve fund Sundry creditors..... Company's bankers Balance of profit and - loss account.....\$364,756.74 Dess interim dividend ... 160,000.00

- **\$4,**938,172.85 'Green Island Macao:-Building and machipery as per last state-Less depreciation 27,437.86 429,703.12 Since expended 32,607.90 .

Coment and raw material in stock valued at..... Coal in stock valued at 3,125.02 Storesinstockvaluedat 29,331.30 √ Hok Un, Hongkong:— Land asper last statement 1,091,394

square feet valued at 1,231,968.88 Building and machinery as par last state. ment 928.826.28 Less depreciation 55,955.84 B72,870.44 Since expended 131,470 65 1,004,341.09 Coment and raw material in stock valued at... - Coal, casks, and gun-

nies in stock valued at 58,760.92 Stores in stock valued at 163,200.16 221,961,08 Cement on consignment valued at Deep Water Bay Works :-Land as per last statement....... Buildings and machinery as per last

statement 191,825.96 Lass depreciation -11,509.56 180,315.40 Since expended........ 38,004.86 ' **218,321.2**6 Bricks, pipes, and tiles in stock On consignment valued at

Coal in stock valued at 2.418.10

Stores in stock valued at 2,455.90 Steam lighter, steam launches, lighters, unks, &c., as per last statement",.....182,352.02 Less depreciation..... 10,714.86

Since expended 59,368.49 Property at Capton as per last statement..... Value of premia on unexpired Sundry debtors

spread in different directions so as to give the Mr. G. P. Lammert last Wednesday afternoon, cultivation on a large scale and, which prowomen plenty of room. At this moment a lukong when land described as being all that piece or walked up, and one of the combatants thinking I parcel of ground at Sham-shul-po and registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Marine Lot No. 77, centaining 13,476 square feet, In all tropical countries, seeing that a large came under the hammer. The premises are part of the packing material pecessary for other | As applied to Chicese, the similarity of name therein reserved or contained.

found top-Tro months:

UNION INSURANCE BOCIETY OF CANTON LIB.

THE PROPOSED DIVIDENDS.

We are informed by the Union Insurance ociety of Canton, Ltd., that the directors hav proposed, subject to audit and meeting of shareholders, that a final dividend of \$17 per share I be paid on the 1907 account and \$30 interim shareholders a statement of accounts for the dividend on the 1908 accounts

YDNNAN RAILWAY.

ELLIONS SUNK AND THOUSANDS OF LIX SACRIFIED.

DARK AND DISCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

The nows that the French Government has sanctioned the mising of another loan for the completion of the railway from Tonkin into Yuunan arouses no joy in Indo-Chica, where the cost of the line promises to be a heavy but don on Colonial finances. The loss of life on the construction work has also been terrible. The Avenir du Tonkin gives particulars of how it stood with the line last month. The undertaking was set on foot by M. Doumer, a former Governor-General of Indo-China, for political

reasons—to strengthen French / offuence in

Yunnan-but it is now carried on mainly for

commercial purposes. The rails had then almost reached the town of Mangase on the edge of the high tableland which stretches into the interior of the province. The most difficult section of the line lies just been bridged over and laying the rails from Mongtse to the capital of the province will be a comparatively easy task. From the frontier town of Lackay to the capital the distance is. 10 618.49 465 kilometres (290 miles). The number of tuopels required for the whole distance is set at about 140, so mountainous is the country. traversed.

> VALLEY OF DEATH. The hardest task of all was that of laying the rails up the valley of the Nam-ti-River, a feverstricken tract with a climate so deadly that the country is almost without inhabitants.

This fatal valley has swallowed up millious. of treasure, and polititudes of human lives. The number of cor see who perished there in laying down the rank is set at forty thousand I The people on the table-land have a deadly fear of this valley. Neither reward nor high pay can tempt them to set foot there. La bourers had to be recruited from distant parts. Coolies from North Chins could not stand this valley of death. Only Canton Chinese and low country. Tonkinese could be found to brave

the climate. The superintending staff-almost all of them Italians-stood the climate well and made high profits—estimated so far at 30 millions of. francs: very few Frenchmen are employed on

Leaving the inhabited section of Tonkin at Yen-be, the line runs to Mengtse over a distauce of 300 kilometres (160 miles) through a country which is a wilderness and will ever remain so, being unhealthy and barren.

LAVISH OUTLAY. What about the cost? At the outset, the outlay was set at 94 millions of francs. estimate now stands at 165 millions which can only be met by Indo-China raising a loan. The finishing of the line out of this amount may cost 53 millions of france, some say that the total cost may figure out at 180 millions! But the traffic when once Yunnan is tapped is expected

to yield profitable returnt. The Opinion points out that people in the know say that the line will never pay unless it be extended from the capital of Yunnan into the rich province of Sze-chuen. But, so antiforeign is the Chinese Government now, that the French company which constructs the railway will never be allowed to extend the line from the capital of Yunnan thither.

Most business men in Tonkin frankly say that, if the railway stops at the capital, its upkeep will be a very heavy burden indeedeven though the French Government shoulders It all. The outlook is the more serious from there being not the least chance of the Chinese Government buying up the railway, of which there was once a prospect. Whatever may be the mistakes of the past they cannot be helped now. The French Government will have to see the matter through .- Straits Times.

FIBRE CULTIVATION. CONGRESS AT SOURABAYA.

With a view to promoting the cultivation of fibre-producing plants, the Nederlandsch-Indisch Landbouw Syndicant has decided to hold, at Sourabays, Java, Netherlands East-India, in October, 1910, a Congress, combined with an exhibition of fibre-producing plants, of the fibres produced therefrom and of the mychinery used in the preparation of same. During the Congress, the cultivation and preparation of the raw fibre, both mechanically and manually, will be discussed. The extraction, preparation for market and packing of the fibre will, as far as possible, be demonstrated.

Various prizes (medals, diplomas and moneyprizes) will be offered for machinery. Such prizes will be awarded to the exhibitors of machines, which shall work for a sufficient time during the congress and be considered worthy of an award by a committee of impartia experts.

.The expenses of the Congress and Exhibition will be defrayed by the Syndicate, which is enabled to do so by a liberal grant from the Netherlands: Indian Government and substantial contributions from commercial houses and private persons. In conjunction with the Director of Agriculture a committee has been formed to prepare and carry out the scheme, whilst a number of gentlemen in Holland have been requested to form a sub-committee there. A prominent place in the programme will be given to the consideration of the cultivation and preparation of those fibres most suitable for culture on a large scale in the tropics.

ing, yis : spreading so largely and which is especially charge to Chinese seamen, adapted for dry tropical countries. A property sale took place at the sales rooms of |- (2) Manila hemp, also a fibrous plant fit for | years with segard to British seamen and my

> duces a profitable crop in the moister districts of tropical countries. produce is made therefrom.

fibre on a large scale and when suitable hand-Bidding was not very keen. The property | machines be available for the use of the small was put up for \$5,000, which rose by \$100 till producer, special attention will be paid to the

> A detailed programme will shortly be pubparticulars and enumerating the prises to be I Hop. Mr. J. H. MAY. C.M.Q.

TRB RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE FOUR WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 27. 1000. To the Chairman and Directors, Raub

Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited, Singapore: Gentlemen - I herewith begito submit my report on your minish and milling operations. The mine measurements and assay returns of prospecting work shows a total of youft. for the period (4 weeks) under review, made up of 26ft. sinking, orft. driving, 564ft. cross-cutting and 20ft. of prospecting work as against 693ft.

for the previous four weeks.

Bukit Koman 540it. Level, Drive South-This has been advanced tit. making a total of ooft. The lode 48in, wide is worth 31 dwt. To the north of this lode the drive has been taken from 50 to 55ft. The lode soln. wide i

440ft. Level. Drive South.—To this has been added taft. bringing the total to 530ft. The lode, 46in. wide, gives a value of 3 dwt. In the north drive, the No. 1 wings has been sunk reft., making a total of 28ft. At this depth the lode is beginning to show and after i cut through the winze will be sunk on it. Crosscutting for stope-filling .- 416ft.

Stopes.-Above the 44oft. level. 2 stopes Lode 128in, wide and worth 61dwt. Above the 34oft. level, 2stopes ; Lode 161in. ide and worth 24 dwi. Above the 24oft. level, t stope : Lode 72 in. wide and worth 3dwt. per ton.

16oft. Level, Drive South,-Here 12ft has been driven, making a total of 976ft. The lode 84in, wide is worth rodwt. The quartr has given place to decomposed slate, the value and width remaining unaltered. 16oft. Level, Drive North-This has been ex-

ended raft, bringing the total to 22ft. The lode matter 48in. wide, assays 31 dwt. per ton. Crosscutting for Stope-filling.-215ft, Stopes.-Above the 160ft, level, 2 stopes: lode tozin, wide, assaying toldwt."

BUKIT MALACCA. No. I Level. Drive South.—To this has been added 4ft., bringing the total to 3861. The lode goin, wide is worth afdwt.

A crosscut has been put off at 382ft, to the carthenware, and is to the following effect East, 13ft., to see if any stone is being missed. No. 1 Level. North.-From the hanging wall branch a crosscut has been taken East, 47ft. nothing fresh has yet been met. From the hanging wall branch a winte has been started and sunk 13ft. It is intended to connect this with the drive below which will open up

some useful stoping ground, No. 2 Level. Drive North from Crosscut East,-This has been driven 12ft, making a total of toft. The lode Avin, wide given toldwir per ton. The winse referred to will connect with the drive.

Stopes.—Milling ore has been won from a stopes, carrying a lode foin! wide and worth Prospecting .- 20ft. of this work has been

done on surface. ANDERSON SHAFT. The new crank shaft was got into place and the engine to work on February, 21. We expect to get the water out and to work on the 26oft. level, early in the coming month.

On surface the new balance bob is in its

place and finished. The foundations for the

gear is complete and, in a few days, we shall commence erecting the machinery. The electrical part is pearly all in place. Mill.—From the Williey Tables 31.35, tons of concentrates have been won, worth 1.490s.

The balance of the annual clean up has been made... Results are given on the mill sheet which accompanies this.

Cyanide.-During the sixteen weeks to date act tons of concentrates and sands have been treated for a recovery of 1230zs, of gold, equaling \$3.05% of contents, Mill Returns for 4 weeks ending February

27, 1909 :--KOMAN. 40 Stamps: ran 28 days less 1.7 days for pairs and clean up. Huntington Mill ran 28, days less 2.7 days

for repairs and clean up.

Ore Crushed: Koman 1,395 Total 3,500 tops. Amalgam Collected 2,680,00 prs. producing Retorted Gold 926,00 Smalted Gold Balance of annual clean up producing 645-00 ozs, producing Amalgam :

Retorted Gold 208.00 Smelted Gold 205.00 Average yield per ton 5.20 dwt. on 910 oz. BUKIT MALACCA.

No. 1 Mill ran 25 days } crushing 1,750 tone Surface ore and 232 I tone Mine ore. No. II a 25 a Total crushed 1.06110ns " 323.00" ozs." producing Amalgam Collected Retarted Gold 112.00 Smelted Gold 110,00° Annual clean up: 1.010 dwt: Average yield per ton TOTAL, -Tons crushed 5,462.00

3,048.0> ors. * Amalgam Smelted Gold 1,225.00 OFS. 123.00 Cyanide. Average Fineness 891.351 Yield per ton 370 dwl on 1,010 or.

> General Madager CHINESE SEAMEN.

W. H. MARTIN,

CONTINUOUS CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE -In-continuation, of correspondence printed

in our issue of Saturday, the following reply to Government was sent :-Chamber of Commerce 18th March, 1000: Bir. - I have the honour to inform you that Exercise transfer will be given to the follows I my committee have now considered wone letter

A similar system has been in force for some a credit which cannot be re-established in the committee understand that while the benefits is involving everything, and even goods of conferred by this innovation are doubtful. it given rise to considerable trouble to employers (3) Jute and jute substitutes. Of importance | and has not resulted in the good anticipated

when the scheme was inaugurated. so often found, and the difficulty of identifica-As the cultivation of fibres 1 and 2 and the tion even when the certificate bears a photolike can only be remunerative when carried on graph, makes the scheme in the view of my

Another aspect of such a system on the China Coast would be a decided disadventage how many of its results attempt to cor to British shipping in obtaining labour and my rect the evils it is impossible to say trong testing of machines sent in for exhibition, both committee are, therefore, unable to support the as regards the extraction and treatment of the i proposal nut forward by the Harbour Master In addition to the above named, other fibres | crease the cost and difficulty in securing good | the excessive weakness of laborate trade may be dealt with more or less fully according | seamen without conferring any benefit upon | The reports are practically advantaged in the reports are practically advantaged in the property of the conferring any benefit upon | The reports are practically advantaged in the reports are practically advantaged in the property which will hatter the fall in the reports of the conferring any benefit upon | which will hatter the fall in the reports of the conferring any benefit upon | which will hatter the fall in the reports of the conferring any benefit upon | which will hatter the fall in the reports of the conferring any benefit upon | which will hatter the fall in the reports of the conferring any benefit upon | which will hatter the fall in the reports of the conferring any benefit upon | which will hatter the conferring any benefit upon | which will hatter the conferring any benefit upon | which will have be conferred at the conferring any benefit upon | which will have be the conferred at th which, if adopted, would in their opinion in-(Sed.) . E. A. M. WILLIAMS

Colonial Secretary.

REPUTATION OR JAPANESE GOODS ABROAD.

REPORTS OF JAPANESE COMBULS.

REMARKS BY A VERNACULAR JOURNAL An interesting article, indirectly bearing on

what may be called the ! direct trade ! contro-

versy, appears in the Osaka Mainichi. Complaints have for a long time past been heard, says our contemporary, regarding the careless manufacture and irregular production of Japanese goods exported especially of Osaka goods, These complaints have now become backneyed, and it is extraordinary that the cause of the complaints still remains uprectified and they are regarded as a matter of course. Is this not a tendency to be deployed for the sake? of commerce and ladustry and her prestige abroad?

On perusing a copy of the latest lasue of the Teusko Isan (Consular reports published by the Foreign Office), it will be noticed that all its pages are filled with complaints, relating to the bad quality (sossi ranso) of Japanese manufactures for the foreign market. The Tourho Lean is virtually a medium advertising the abad quality of Japanese goods, as the following extracts will show. A report on the position of Japanese goods in England, first referring to babutal says:-

"The producing places of Japanese habutat exported to England are Fukui, Kaga, and Fukushima (Kawamata), the Fukul habutal representing the highest figures for the quantity and value exported Next comes the Kara product that of Fukushima being the lowest The quality of Fukui silk appears to have declined somewhat of late and some of the dealers are expressing regret at the delegions Habutai occupies tion in the quality. a posit on among the principal goods exported to England from Japan, and Fukui silk takes the first rank in quantity and value amongst the habitair. In consequence the progress or decay of the export to England of Fukui habutal can by no means be looked upon with in-

business-men concerned should consider the matter carefully." The next reference is to porcelain and "The value of lapanese porcelain and earthen-

difference in the Anglo-Japanese trade, and

ware imported into England in 1905 amounted to Y210,000, which increased to Y540,000 in 1007. Thus the trade showed an improvement amounting to a value of Y310,000 in three years and had a brilliant future, tea sets in particular I finding a most ready sale. . . From a decorative point of view the pure Japanese style is recommended, but as regards shape, size, and duration the European style is to be preferred Generally the cheaper lines of Japanese ware find a better sale, and form naturally the bulk of the export to England, As might be expected the cheap ware is not very strong, and tea sets easily become broken. This has given the impression to customers that Japanese ware is chesp, and pasty. From past experience, the public has become cautious, and Japanese ware is not used so much now as formerly in the tea-shops which abound in the English cities, Japanese ware is regarded generally as for decoration or toys. a fact to be regretted. One defect of Japanese ware in comparison with European is that when one portion is damaged the crack spreads. European ware is from from this defect. A similar complaint is made against porcelain; to the effect that Japanese ware is cheap in price, but weak or brittle in quality. There is fierce, competition by German productions apil Japanese business men-concerned are

urged to consider the matter carefully." If the opening of the projected Anglo-Japan. ese Exhibition is definitely decided on continues, the Mainichi, it will only serve to advertise these defects of Japanese goods more than ever, as long as these blemishes remain Unrectified, or else it will result in revialing a wide difference between the quality of goods sent to the Exhibition and those experted for business purposes; in other words, between the sample and the goods actually supplied. .It is of primary importance for Impanese business men to consider these facts and correct

The belief that Japanese goods are inferior.

in quality, says the Osaka journal, is inot confined to English people, nor even to other Europeans and Americans The Tsusho Isan contains a report by the Japanese Consulate at Newchwang on carthonware and porcolain which says "Japanese earthenware and porcelale imported here consists mostly of Mino and Ivo ware, comprising principally plates, tea cops. soap-dishes, vases, and tumblers (yenomi) These are made to meet the laste of the Chinese and are much lower in price than Chinese ware. As a result the market for Japanese ware has gradually increased and the ware is seen at every Chinese porcelain shop in the city. The only defect of Japaness ware is its bad quality and lack of durability, it being very eatily broken. The good reputation which Japanese ware obtained at one time has been gradually

lost. This is much to be deploted.

The next paragraph deals with " Japanese in Siam." and the following is found under the heading of ! Trade " " Japanese goods have carned a had appute tion for inferior quality in Slam as elsewhere and the feeling is becoming deeply impressed on the Siamese mind that European goods. though bigh in price, are excellent in quality, while Japaness goods are chesp in price but interior in quality Such being the case certain lines of Japanese goods are sold at Chinese or Indian shops as Roglish or German products, with the object of sharing in the good reputation of the real articles. But when they are sold at Japanese shops, there is no doubt

that they are Japanese products and no cus-

tomer will look at them unless they are sold at a low price." Thus the reports of Japanese Consuls at vasious places are onanimous. The complaints do not end here, but are heard from Korea and Chine also. Indeed, this remark applies to all the of 30th January, 1909 (No. 483/1909) regarding | parts of the world, The bad quality of Japanese (t) Agave fibre, the cultivation of which is the granting of continuous certificates of dis- goods has become notorious and abyword, and they are losing credit in all parts of the worldleast. Unfortunately, the loss of reputation superior quality are regarded on the same level as those of had quality ... Pabbles and roms are mised together and are all denounced, so that It becomes impossible with this loss of credit to effect a great development in Japanese foreign trade. This is a matter of extremal ragra Such censures in reports from Japanese. Con dulates everywhere are seen in each less of the Trusto Isas. How many Japanese business-men read the Zeuka Zees are true, it light matter of these for the Japan see tation and if it is demonstration of

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY SCHEMB.

CHINESE SUBSCRIPTIONS,

Immediately from the time the Chinese subcommittee were appointed to further the scheme for a University for Hongkong, originating with Sir Frederick Lugard, they began to set to work with no little determination to give effect to the instructions contained in their commission. After a few preliminary meetings at which discussion took place principally as regards the scope of the University. early this week the sub-committee issued the first subscription list amongst their ricom. patriots, A fortnight ago we reported the fact of three proferred donations of \$10,000 each. After two days, the amount of subscriptions now aggregates over \$55,000. It is hoped that a total of from two to three hundred thousand dollars may be raised among our asteemed Chinese fellow-citizens. The individual contributions so far are as under :--

Chiu U-tin\$	10,00
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Kwong Mow Tai	7,000
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Tak Cheong Hong	1,000
Cheong Wo	1,000
Yung Cho-pong	700
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Ho Komilong	500
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Yuen Seng-fat	500
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Chan Lok-chuen	500
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PREEMASONS SMOKER

WELCOME TO AMERICAN MASONS,

A very enjoyable smoker was held last Wednesday night by Lodge Naval and Military under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scottisha Freemasonry in the District and the District Grand Lodge, E.C., in the Masonic Hall, to welcome the American Masons Belonge ing to the third squadron of the U.S. Battleship Fleet now visiting this port. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags, the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack placed side by side appropriately occupying a prominent position. Right Worshipful Master E. R. West was in the Chair and he was supported by a number of Masons belonging to his own as well as other Orders. It was an easy matter to see that the spirit of good fellowship prevailed at the happy function, and no sooner did the guests arrive than they were instantly made to. feel at home. Smbkes were provided abondantly, and during the evening, drinks went round freely. The excellent Band of The Buffs was present under Bandmaster Hewitt, and rendered pleasing selections of music. The toast of President Taft was pro-

posed by the Chaleman, who said that he felt it a very great honour to be the . Master of the first Masonic Lodge in the East whose members had the opportunity of drinking to such a toast. The speaker referred to the recent visit to Hongkong of the new President, who, he said, was well acquainted with our shores, the President having visited Hongkong twice within the last two years. The speaker said that he felt sure that he was voicing the general sentiment; when he said that he hoped to see him again. The Chairman then humorously remarked that there was only one body of men who did not wish to meet President Tast-and that was the chair coolies (Laughter). No doubt those who felt his weight on his last visit still remembered him (Renewed laughter). In conclusion, the speaker said that in honouring the toast, those present would not only be honouring President Tait, but also Brether Tait (Loud applause).

Lieut. Cameron, of the flagship Charleston, whose name was coupled with the last toast, replied in felicitous terms. During the evening, the test of "The Press

was proposed by the Chairman, who paid a high tribute to that branch of civilization. Suitable response was made.

In the course of the evening, the following gentlemen kindly obliged with vocal and instrumental-items and humorous sketches :-Messrs. Caesar, Cross, Fay, Hutcheson, Ladd. Oxberry, Nolan, Sanders, Scott, Jarvis, Grimble and Captain Parke.

WEI-HAL-WEI LAND AND BOILDING COMPANY.

TANURE OF WEI-HAI-WEI UNCERTAIN.

Francis Piggott (Chief Jerting) -peceiding, Sir Henry Berkeley, K. C., who was instructed by Mr. G. G. O. Balley, applied on behalf of the Wel-hal-wel Land and Building Co., Ltd., for an order to reduce the capital of the Company from Taels 250,000 to taels 200,000, Counsel said that the firm had passed a resolution for the reduction of the capital of the Company. That reduction had been rendered necessary because of the uncertainty of the fenure of Wei-hel-wel

His Lordship-I don't think I have to con-

the company to reduce its capital is not be. Hastings and Hastings, on behalf of D. R. cause of any loss, possible insolvency, but Captain for salary to be paid out of estate in A FISHY story is told by the Java Bode to the His Lordship-What is the object of the made last Thursday, Since then the business

Company:
Sir Henry—To build, and acquire land at
Wel-hal-wel times in chambers and I think I can make the 'to-day."

THE CHINA BORNEO CO. LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for presentation to shateholders at the slath ordinary yearly meeting to be held at the office of the Company at noon on Mon-

day, 5th April, 1909, is as follows :--Gentlemen, -The general manager and consulling committee begite present to the shareholders the sixth ordinary yearly report of the

The accounts show a profit of ... \$104,633.00 From this has to be deducted :-Fees to consulting com-

Bonus to European staff for 1907 2,850,00 Leaving available for appropriation .. \$97,845.05 The consulting committee recommend that a dividend of to 2 on

the subscribed capital be paid to shareholders \$55,300.00 Write off Hongkong saw-mills... Launches and lighters \$,000,00 " Engineering works..... 5,000,00 Plant 2,500.00 Timber concessions 1,145.09

Kudat pier and house property 1,000.00 To carry to reserve 15,000,00 Provision for bonus to staff for 1908 3,000.00

CONSULTING COMMITTEE. Mr. A. G. Wood retired on leaving the tion of the ponderous tome known to all the to join the committee; his appointment requires ! old China hands " as the "Directory and confirmation. In accordance with the articles | Chronicle for China, Japan, Straits Settlements, of association the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Indo-China, Philippines, etc." This is no retires but offers himself for re-election.

" AUDITORS: The accounts under review have been audited: by Mr. W. H. Potts who offers himself for re-J. WHERLEY: General Manager. Hongkong, March 15th, 1909.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 318T, 1908. Capital:-60.000 shares each

\$12=.....\$720,000.00 Lessi4,000 shates unissued each \$12= 168,000.00 \$552,000.00 Sundry creditors..... Reserve account..... Balance of working account.....

Value as per last atato-Less amount provided for ... depreciation 5,000.00 146,505.84 Since added 5,924.10 152,429.94

Assets."

Hongkong Saw-Mills :-

Sandakan Saw-Mills :-Value as per last state-. 89,068,57 Since added + 21,262.93 110,331.50 'Steam launches and lighters :-Value as per last state-

Lessumount provided for depreciation 5,000.00 Since added 20,601:59 1 20,824.80 Sandakan engine works and slipway :---Value as per last state-Less amount provided for .

Plant:-Value as per last statement..... 21,569.06 Less amount provided for depreciation 16,569.06 Since added 17,862.19 1,293.13 Land and House Property :-Value as per last statement....

Less value of property 1,460.00 3,80g.eg Kudat Pier: --Value as per last state-Less amount provided fordepreciation 1,500.00 House and office furniture Timber concessions :-

Value as per last staté. ment Less amount provided for depreciation 2,568.74 . , 16,280,03 Stock of rough and sawn timber, stores, material, &c Suspense account.....

Sundry debtors Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cash with Cash in hand.....

WORKING ACCOUNT, To Management and office expenses and general charges at Hongkong and in Borneo... \$ 43,415.64

\$190,015,12 Last Thursday, in the Supreme Court, Sir By Profit on sales of rough and Scrip fees

WANTED-SALARY. D. R. CAPTAIN'S APPLICATION.

An application was made in the Bankruptcy Jurisdiction Court to-day (the Chief, Justice Sir Henry :- No. my lord, The motion of presiding) by Mr. C. F. Dixon, of Messrs. had been sold.

His Lordship-Sold? To whom? Mr. Dixon-To a gentleman from Canton. His Lordship-I have seen the papers several The date of purchase to be from yesterday or

The order was granted.

ITALIAN CONFENT. VISIT BY THE COUNTERS OF MEATH

In her round of visits to the various jostitutions for children in the Colony, during her recent solourn in Hongkong, the Countess of Meath did not overlook that most deserving institution-the Italian Convent. In the forencen, last Wednesday, the Countess, accompanied by Mrs. F. H. May, wife of the Colonial Secretary, called at the Convent on a visit. As her Lady ship's delicate health did not allow of her proceeding up the staircase to see the children, the latter came to meet their distinguished visitor in the garden, which seemed to please her Ladyship greatly. Lady Meath examined with great interest the many specimens of useful articles from the deft fingers of the children and purchased some to the value of over \$100. We are asked by the Mother Superior to express her thanks and the great honour done to her institution for her Ladyship's and Mrs. May's visit, especially in view of the fact that

HONGKONG'S DIRECTORY.

Lady Meath spoke Italian fluently,

her Ladyship had to proceed straight on board

baron, the Countess' daughter, was also present

FEATURES OF THE STANDARD PUBLICATION OF THE FAR EAST.

Once again we have to record our apprecia-

Colony and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar was invited world and particularly to the faithful band of volume to be treated in an off-hand way, as one is occasionally inclined to do in the case of smaller directories. There is the evidence of solidity in its very appearance, while the countries covered by its representatives range from Russia in Asia to the Dutch Netherlands. Indeed its very appearance or the business-man's dosk is calculated to inspire the casual visitor with an unconscious respect for those who have to delve into its mysteries and discover its secrets. How all this agglomeration of facts and figures, names and addresses is annually garnered we do not stop to inquire. When we state that the volume reaches the noble-sum of nearly 1,800 pages replete with the latest information regarding firms and individuals; countries and capitals, we give but a slight idea of the compendious nature of the Directory which will celebrate its jubilee three years bence. The old joke that it would form a handy pocket companion is worn out; rather it should be described as a weighty addition to the desk. affording evidence of the merchant's business ramifications. What the Directory will look, like ten years hence we scarcely dare to contemplate, for at the present rate of progress in the Far East when China is being opened up and foreigners are flocking to the Orient. there are bound to be manifold additions to its already widespread items of information. For the last forty-seven years writers have annually recorded their views concerning this worthy representative of Hongkong's energy,

so that it is difficult at this date to suggest anything new regarding its universal usefoluess, which is not less understood in England than in the Far East. It is probably to the Directory that we are indebted for those numerous personal letters which many of us. regularly receive from unknown industrials in England, Germany and Austria and which insolve us with visions of untold wealth and promises of a happy hereafter. Be that as it may it only shows how the Directory reaches the ends of the earth and finds a cordial reception in the strangest places. We would not attempt to pick a flaw in such a publication. In face of its dignity and all-encompassing range it would be presumptuous to do so. But it was curious that in turning to inquire re- nearer him. ratding the provinces of Kedah, Kelantan and Tringannu which are about to be ceded to Great Britain we should find little information | Chinese way. regarding them. After all, however, the Directory does not pretend to be a gazetteer, something." He was alleged to have taken and it is only because its summaries of the history and conditions of the various countries whose foreign population is itemised are so admirably done that we turn to it almost unconsciously for the particulars we may desire. This Directory is the Directory to which we have all been so long accustomed and in which so much reliance has been placed in the past. As usual the paper, type and printing are excellent, but the chief praise must be given to those responsible for the collection and collation of the facts recorded. The work shows signs of the most painstaking care and is a tribute to the ability and plodding industry of the Editor. The Hongkong Daily Press which prints and nublishes the Directory, may also be congraiulated on the high standard reached by its publication, which should as heretofore be at the elbow of everyone engaged in the business and professional work of the Far East.

JUDGE THAYER IN HONGKONG A VISIT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

Mr. Rufus H. Thayer, the newly-appointed judge at the U.S. Court at Shanghai, who re-.cently arrived in the Colony en route to Cantor was present in the Supreme, Court last Thurs day morning. He occupied a seat on the bench with the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, D F. E. Hinckley, clerk of the U.S. Court a Shanghai, was also present.

RUNAWAY-PONY. OVERTURNS RICKSHA' IN QUEEN'S

ROAD KAST.

A rungway pony created some excitement is he Eastern district last Wednesday evening. Taking fright somewhere near the race-course he threw his rider, an officer belonging to The Buffs, and started on the gallop towards, the town-The punkated and Morrison Hill Gap Rest and charged into Queen's Road East scattering everything before him. The only accident to 71.03 be recorded took place near the French Convent. There the pony collided with a ricksha in which was a European fare. The vehicle was overturned and very badly damaged, but neither the fare nor the coolie was in anyway burt. The pony, taking fright once more, swerved round and steered a course for the polo ground; where his flight came to a finish. He was taken in charge and returned to his stable. The ricksha coolle reported the affair at No. 2 Police Station, and he wants compensation for the damage done to his vehicle.

> owing to its utterly bad quality were shipped. to Batavia. The market there also could not stand the fish, and it was forwarded to an inland district where the article, notwithstand ing) its nowholesomeness, found ready sale. The result was that disease broke out among take measures to probiblt further sales.

LABOUR CONFERENCE. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

The following reply was sent to the Govern-

Chamber of Commerce. 24th March, 1909. Sir. I am directed to reply to your letter of ago. the 26th February, 1909 (No. 3569/1907) forwarding a copy of a despatch addressed to the Government by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and inquiring whether this Chamber supports the adherence of the Colony to the International Convention of the 26th Septem-

measures of this nature should apply to a Colony employing Asiatic labour. In their opinion the labourer in this Colony is relatively better off than his European confrère and it will be time enough for the Colony to adopt protective measures when it can be shown that labour is unjustly treated by employers. The troubles facing a local employer are already great after leaving the Convent. Lady Violet Braenough without unnecessarily adding thereto. For these reasons my committee regret, that Colony to the Convention.

I beg to return the memorandum as requested.—I have, &c.

(Sgd.), B. A. M. WILLIAMS, Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. Colonial Secretary.

STABBED IN BED.

STRANGE AFFAIR AT YAU-MA-TI.

What is believed to have been the work of the Triad Society was accomplished at Yauma-ti last night, when an unfortunate coolie who, perhaps, had set the Society against him, was most cruelly stabbed, which necessitated his, instant removal to the Government Civil Hospital. His alleged assailant, a butcher, giving the name, of Cheung Chu, who resides n Third Street, West Point, was arrested.

The Yau-ma-ti police have investigated the matter most carefully, but like all secret societies, the motive for the stabbing is care

fully guarded. At about eight o'clock last evening a coolie named Leung I Fong visited a certain house in Temple Street in starch of a lady friend The lady, unfortunately, was at home and she invited Leung to a smoke, which he accepted. While lying on the opium bed twirling the drug at the end of a pin over the lamp, a man suddenly entered the room and, without uttering s word, seized Leung by the shoulder and, pull ing out a sheath knife quickly, stabbed him between the shoulder and the back,

Pursued by a policeman and a number of persons, the assailant bolted down Temple Street, into Fourth Street, round a block of new buildings, and eventually was captured in a private lane. The knife which he had thrown away during the chase was recovered later. The unfucky Leung, whose wound was of a serious nature, was, after being temporarily treated at Yau-ma-ti Police Station, sent to

This morning, Inspector Dymond charged Cheung Chu in the Police Court, and he was remanded until Leung's discharge from

FUTILE ATTEMPT MADE TO ROB A GIRL.

The report of a very barefaced attempt to rob an eight-year-old girl of her property has reached us. The story is to the effect that about five o'clock vesterday afternoon, a man, who later gave the name of Yau Fuk, saw two girls playing in Wellington Street. He watched them for a while, and then approached the one "What are you doing?" he asked the girl.

"Then come with me and I will buy you the girl by the hand and, according to the story, was leading her up the hill, when the girl discovered that the man was trying to remove her bangle. She called out loudly, "Save life," and the man ran, but was caught after a good chase.

Yau Fuk, who says that he is a carpenter by trade, was arraigned in the Police Court, this forenoon, charged with attempted robbery. He denied the charge, and was remanded.

The coolie, Yau Fuk, who attempted to relieve an eight year-old girl of her bangle in Welling. ton Street on Tuesday last, was sentenced to three months hard labour to-day, Inspector Gourlay prosecuted.

"DERYING THE COURT." DEBTOR'S MISTAKE OVERLOOKED.

* A "mistake" which very nearly got a debtor into trouble was overlooked by the Chief Justice, last Thursday forenoon.

An application was put forward by the Kwong Yat Cheong firm for permission to resolud a Receiving Order, when the Officia complain of the non-appearance of the debtor. have been some misunderstanding. There-

was an impression that the order could be

not complied with the Ordinance. Mr. E. J. Grist (for the applicant) said the application was made by Mr. P. S. Dixon on behalf of Mr. R. A. Harding." Mr. Wakeman-I think debtors should not

be exempt from the Ordinance and defy the Court in the way it has been done. His Lordship: (To debtor) You got the notice?—Yes. What did you do with it?-I left it in the

Mr. Wakeman-It is in English and Chinese, my Lord. Debtor-I did not take it in that light. His Lordship said it was really contempt of Court, but the Official Receiver had consented

to overlook it, ... Debtor-I will not do it again, my lord, The application was granted.

is reported from Tokio that Marquis Kat-(Minister of Education) conferred with repre-

a proposed Anglo-Japanese Exhibition in Lonbecause there is more money than can be dis bankruptcy. Mr., Dixon, observed that large quantities of Siamese salted pean Power asked Great Britale to co-operate in posed of profitably. It is proposed to return applicant had, managed the business since fish which could not find a market at Singapore the holding of an exhibition to follow the An- tang. Of the 128 miles between Shanghai and been made by Japan. Marquis Kalsura added 1 X100,000 in 1911.

DISTURBANCE ON A CAR.

EUROPEAN CALLED INSPECTOR A "BLACK COW" AND IS FINED.

Mr. J. R. Wood (second police magistrate listened to the story of a disturbance which was committed on board a tramcar some days

An Indian inspector (F. Mootee) in the em ploy of the Electric Tramway Company, summoned Mr. A. G. Gile, of the Naval Yard, for assault and for using abusive language towards him, "whereby a breach of the peace might have been occusioned."

Mr. D. V. Steavenson, of Messra, Deacon, My committee do not consider that restrictive | Looker and Deacon, prosecuted. Mr. Otto Koug Sing defended.

It was stated that on the night of the and instant the defendant and his wife boarded a car at Observation Place, going westward. The conductor applied for the fares. Defend. ant produced a monthly ticket, which he exhi bited. The conductor called for the lady's fare. The defendant said that he had only a \$10 bil and if he paid he wanted Hongkong money in change. This was not possible, and defendant they cannot support the adherence of the was asked to sign a chit, which he refused to do, taking the chit from the conductor and throwing it away. When the car arrived at Ship Street the conductor called the complainant to whom he complained."

When approached by complainant, the de fendant produced the Sto bill and said: " want Hongkong money change."

Complainant said he was sorry, but that the conductor had not sufficient change. "Then give me the \$10 bill," complainant said, "and the company will send you the

change in the morning. This he also refused to do. At Arsenal Stree the defendant attempted to stop the car, but complainant ordered the motorman to proceed. it was alleged that defendant then seized hold of the inspector and nearly shook him off the car. 'He also called him a "black cow."

The complainant was called and crossexamined:— Mr. Kong Sing-You can read, can you ?-And was not this the ticket defendant showed

70u ?--Yas. You knew his name right along?-Yes, Didn't he say to you that he would send you the ten cents just as easy as you could retain his \$10 ?-No.

Are your instructions from the office to stor people from leaving a car?—Yes, if they won't pay their fare. Are those your instructions?-Yes,

Before this summons was brought you were aken to the office by Mr. Scott? - Yes, And some inquiries were made?-Yes. Why didn't you on that occasion report to Mr. Scott that you had been assaulted?—I did.

The conductor of the car gave corroborative evidence. In cross-examination, he said that he thought that when defendant pushed the complainant he did so to get past him, Policeman Stuart was the next witness. H

deposed to being called by the complainant who gave him to understand that there was a gentleman on a 'car' who had refused to pay his fare. When the policeman the car the complainant asked him to show his ticket. The reply he received was "Go away, you black cur," As witness was on special duty at the City Hall he could do nothing in the matter, so he directed the inspector to proceed farther down and he would meet another officer at the corner. /

The defendant spoke to offering the conductora \$10 bill and asking for change in Hongkong money. As none could be got he gave the inspector to understand that he would send the ten cents to the company next morning. .. He did not remember calling complain-

aut a !! black cow " or a " black cur." Cross-examined-He had held a monthly ticket for three or four months. "As a rule he paid his wife's fare. He was asked if he would sign a chit, but witness refused. He did not "Nothing," was the answer, in the usuali send the company the (on cents he owed them

until five days afterwards. His Worship fixed the defendant \$5 on each

THE HANGCHOW RAILWAY

The following is the full text of the telegram sent by the leking correspondent of The Times on the subject of the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway, to which reference was made recently in our columns :-

Shanghai, 17th February, I have just returned from inspecting, lo company with an English Engineer, the work on the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway, J -for the construction of which British investors have lent China £1,500,000. It will be remembered that the loan contract was signed on March 6, 1908, by the Ministry of Communications (the Yuchuanpu) and the representative of the British and Chinese Corporation. Work was to be completed within three vears of the date of contract. Construction and control of the railway were to be entirely vested in the Imperial Chinese Government Materials were to be obtained by tender and other things being equal British goods were to have preference. There was to be a British Receiver (Mr. G. H. Wakeman) stated that Chief Engineer who was to be consulted in the this was the case in which he had reason to appointment and removal of the technical staff. It is with regret that I now have to report, He had seen the solicitor and there seemed to that the loan conditions have been violated, the loan funds are being squandered and the laterests of the British bondholders jeoparthose at the end of the preceding week are as made at a moment's notice and the debtor had | dised.

At the time when the contract was signed. work on the projected railway had been proceeding in a desultory way for two years by two provincial companies, the Kinngsu Rallway Company and the Cheklang Railway: " Export British agreement, and gave an undertaking of garn to Shanghal in January and February that the railway would be entirely under private, amounted to 36,910 bates, showing an increase. not official, management and that the Com- of 16,279 bales on the figures for the correspanies' books would not be inspected. From Shanghai the sailway runs to the border | compared with the same period of 1907.

of the province (Kiangau) then, entering the province of Chekiang, passes by Kashing to the provincial capital Hangchow. Four miles sura, Count Komura, and Mr. Komatsura | beyond Hangchow the rallway has to cross the broad river Chientang, where a bridge 3,000 sentatives of the Parties in the Lower House feet in length, will have to be built, and then of the Diet in connection with the estimates for | extends across the province to the treaty port of Nipppo. The total distance is 238 miles but no work has yet been attempted beyond Hangglo-French Exhibition, but that Britain reject. The Chientang the track has been Jaid for 109 ad the request because a similar proposal had miles and for 71 miles of this distance trains are One dellar fine and a like amount for compenrunning daily. But a large amount of work has sation was what an Indian, who alloges that he that the exhibition would be held from May to yet to be done before even the 71 miles can be is an accountant at Bangkor, had to pay in November, next year, and that the Japanese described as completed. The work line been the Police Court, last Tuesday. The charges Government intended to expend for the purpose | hadly and wastefully done. The native capital were trefosing to pay his ricksha fare and a spect of any return, have recently been offering I the tibe for asking for it.

their shares for sale for seventy per cent of their face value.

Nominally there is a British Chief Rugineer. But he is appointed by the representative of the Yuchuanpu and is not recognized by the Companies. He, has no authority and is not permitted to interfere 'id work, hader construction nor to tectify blunders committed in work alroady completed! Only Chinese are employed. On the Kiangsu section the Chinese engineer in charge has only a rudimentary knowledge of railway construction: the engineer in charge of the Chekiang section is less incompetent have ing been for one year at college in California. He is a son-in-law of the president of the Company. One engineer I met in control of a section of twenty miles of railway has no engineering training, but owes his appoint. mont to the fact, that he was the favourite student of the Company, who is a wall known authority on the Analogts of Confucius.

Built under such conditions the railway presents every possible defect. Kalls are of native manufacture, of obsolete action. spiked into soft-wood sleepers from Manchuria and Mapan, Sleepers are wrongly laid. Wrongly ballasted their life in this soil, is little more than one year. Kight different patterns of rolling stock are in use, the explanation being that each of the directors has the right in turn to order material and does so according to his individual fancy. Only a small proportion of the material is British. All stipulations regarding purchase by tonder with British goods to enjoy preference have been disregarded. Where there was difficulty in bridging a stream the Chinese built the bridge on dry land and then dug a canal and diverted the waterway under the bridge, both the entrance to the diversion and exit from it being literally at right augles to the natural direction of the stream. Their two largest bridges. consist each of two spans of 200 feet. In each case a Contral pier was formed in this way. Rubble was thrown into the centre of the stream until an islet was formed and on this insecure foundation-for the rivers are both swift and deep-the pier was constructed. A few days ago one of these remarkable structures was visued by a well known Engineer from Westminster whose report will no doubt be submitted to the British

Chinese funds having been exhausted, British money is now being squaudered on this costly experiment. An official statement now before me shows that of the proceeds of the £1,500,000 loan subscribed in England in terms of the loan contract only £355,000 remain in England for the purchase of materials, etc.; the remainder has been transferred to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Shanghai where by the terms of the loan agreement, funds thus transferred "shall remain on deposit until roquired for railway purposes. Requisitions thereon will be drawn in amounts to suit the progress of construction. All such requisitions for payment shall be accompanied by certificates stating the nature and cost of the work.

to be paid for." Disregarding these conditions the Yuchuannu had, to the end of January, withdrawn Tis. 1,850,000 in eighteen requisitions and lodged the amount in the native bank belonging to the Ministry. Their requisitions simply state that the money is required for "formation" or " bridges." They are not accompanied by certificates. Withdrawals will presumably be continued until the deposit is exhausted.

At the time these amounts were handed over to the Yuchuanpu their President Chen Pi and seventeen members of his staff were under impeachment for corruption. On the ninth iostant Chen Pi was cashierede British investors lent their £1,500,000 for the

construction, under British expert supervision, of a railway between populous cities. They surely did not foresee that their money was to be devoted to the construction of a railway such as I have described or in the meantime lodged in a native bank of questionable

Since these facts are known to the British authorities it is only reasonable to hope that our Government will warn intending investors against lending money to China in simple financial loans for railway construction without a clearly defined construction contract ensuring adequate foreign supervision over construction and maintenance, it is also reasonable to hope that our Government will insist that British money lent to China shall be employed for the furtherance of British trade, not for the enrichment of our rivals. Such warning would be opportune, for negotiations are again in progress to lend China for the Canton-Hankow Railway more millions of British money under conditions similar to those I have described

COTTON YARN.

ACTIVITY IN JAPAN

The Japan Chronicle of 16th inst. says !-There was considerable activity on the Osaka Yarn Exchange on Friday last, and the remark. able fluctuation of more than Ys was seen in the quotations of time bargains. The activity was continued on Saturday, but business for spot delivery was at a standstill. The rate of Y 130 recently touched is considered the high. ett point. In view of the scarcity of stock sellers on the Exchange are hesitating to offer at a lower, rate, but the general tendency is to sell, which means the predomination of the bears, and it is expected that lower rates will be seen. The closing quotations on Saturday on

March delivery Y123.10 Y118.55 117.50 114.95

the Osaka Yaffi Exchange as compared with

114.95" 112.85 has somewhat improved this Company, whose combined capital-was-about year. The stock-of-yarn-in-Shanghai-at-£800,000. In these Companies only Chinese one time exceeded 30,000 bales, but recould hold shares and only Chinese could be I cently some 10,000 bales of Indian and employed. With patriotic feryour the Com- about 6,000 bales of Japanese yarn found panies opposed China's signature of the foreign a sale. The opening of a market in Africa by loan contract, but they were reconciled by an Indian yarn merchants has created a tendency is that the way you treat papers which come agreement being made with them that the loan I towards a decrease of yarn sent from India to proceeds would be transferred to their owner. China, and the decrease of yarn sent from India to ship in order to provide funde required to com- increasing in proportion. This is considered plete their enterprise. By Imperial sanction to account for the slight revival of activity dated April 15 the Yuchvanpu brushed aside the Listely shown in the export of yarn, The export

> pending period of last year and of 907 bales as THE KANEGAPUCHI SPINNING COMPANY. The Kanegaluchi Spinning Company, which has now in operation some 200 weaving looms. proposes to extend the weaving department by adding 1,000 looms. The work of extension is to be commedeed in a month or so. The cost of the extension is actimated at Y1,200,000 and the money will be raised by calling up payment of Y12.50 each on the new shares in the

the consumers, and the Government had to Year, Yooo,ooo next year, and is exhausted and shareholders, seeing no pro- punching the coolin in the neighbourhood of

noxt balf-year.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH! Bervice.

CHINESE IN JAVA.

THE NATURALIZATION QUESTION [By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 19th March. The Chinese Minister in Holland has sent a telegraphic reply to the . Waiwupu advising that the Dutch Government is endeavouring to compel the naturalization of Chinese residing in Java as Dutch subjects. on the ground that the matter is one entirely within the competence of the Governor-General of Java to decide. in Peking for an explanation.

SALE OF-OFFICES.

THE REGENT'S PROHIBITION. [By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 19th March. The Prince Regent is determined to prohibit the sale of offices in

PRINCE REGENT.

ACCESSIBLE TO HIGH OFFICIALS.

[By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

- Peking, 19th March. After granting audiences to Viceroys, Governors, Provincial "treasurers and judges, the Prince Regent has invariably directed them to meet him in his private office where he holds long conversation with

FOREIGN LOANS.

INOUTRY BY THE WAIWUPU.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 19th March. The Waiwupu has telegraphed to the.Chinese Almisters accredited to foreign countries to ascertain if Chan Pik, the dismissed president of the Ministry of Posts and Communications, had contracted any foreign loans without the sanction of the Central Government.

> CHINESE STUDENTS. PREFERENCE FOR JAPAN.

[By courtery. of the " Shound Po."]

Peking, 19th March. The Central Government has despatched a telegram to the Chinese Minister in Tokio to arrange with the Japanese Government for an' increase to the limit of the number of Chinese students permitted to attend the Naval College.

It is found too expensive to send stylents to America, and it is proposed to send a large number to Japan instead.

SHANGHAI RATEPAYERS.

A BREEZY MEETING.

From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 20th March,

At the adjourned meeting of ratepayers held at noon yesterday the resolution concerning the culverting of Yangkingpang was, on a show of hands, carried by 211 votes against 185.

When a poll was demanded a great uproar ensued.

Eventually a poll was carried out. The original resolution on the culverting question was defeated by 412 against 311 votes, upon the votes being counted.

forthwith The meeting was adjourned until Monday.

The question of culverting the Yangkingpang is to come before the approaching Ratepayers! Meeting to the form of a resolution empowering the Council to enter into negotiations with the French Municipal Council, and, if the latter is still prepared to delray half of the cost of the undertaking, the Council is to be author zed to issue an additional loan to cover the necessary expenhere. So much interest is taken in this subfect in many quarters that a pamphlet colirely devoted to the matter is being issued, while by special arrangement with the Council the resolution is to come up for discussion immedistely after the vote upon the Budget, v In a letter appearing in this issue Mr. E. E. Porter set forth the arrangements of those who are responsible for the revival of the scheme, and it will be readily acknowledged that he has omitted nothing calculated to win favour so as to be fully prepared when the for his case. Two grounds for culverting the creek are mentioned in the resolution-the. congested condition of traffic in the Nanking Road, and the present insanitary condition of Yangkingpang, It will be remembered that so far back as 1902 a resolution was adopted at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, instructing the Council to consider the question of culverting the Yangkingpang, acting in conjunction with, and dividing expenses, in so far as they might be defrayed from the public i funds, with the French Council 12 1400ities addressed to the owners of frontages, in pursuance of that resolution; elicited the fact that opposed to the scheme, and as it was appearent

that almost the entire cost would fall upon the shoulders of the Ratepayers, the Council, chiefly on financial grounds, felt unable to recommend that the work should be carried out at that period, withe question was shelved for the time being .- N. C. D. News.

SALT SMUGGLING.

JAPANESE AND RUSSIANS IMPLICATED.

[By courtesy of the " Shaung Po."]

Peking, 21st March. In consequence of certain Japanand Russian subjects being engaged in the salt smuggling traffic, H.E. Hsu Shi-chang, Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces, has requested the Waiwupu to apply to he Japanese and Russian Ministers

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY.

[By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 21st March. Some time ago the Russian Authorities insisted on Chinese subjects paying duty on goods carried by the Chinese Eastern Railway.

The Waiwupu has now opened negotiations with Russia.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has directed the Taotai at Harbin to proceed to Peking forthwith in connection with the matter.

THE PRINCE REGENT.

TO STUDY ENGLISH:

By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 21st March. The Prince Regent regrets that he is not conversant with the European languages and has especially asked Cheong Tak-yi to give him lessons in English.

IMPERIAL FUNERAL.

JAPANESE REPRESENTATION.

[By courtery of the .! Shoung Po."] Peking, 21st March.

Mr. Ijuin, Japanese Minister in Peking, has notified the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Japanese Government will be represented at the funeral of the late Emperor Kwang Su by a certain Prince.

NAVAL REORGANIZATION.

WHEREWITHAL FOR THE PROJECT.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] -

Peking, 21st March. Prince Su is somewhat perplexed over the difficulties experienced in raising funds for the naval reorgani-

sation scheme. The Prince Regent has expressed as his opinion that, if retrenchment were effected in the yamens in Peking and the Provinces, there need be no anxiety that the funds will not be forthcoming.

NA TUNG.

SLIGHTLY BETTER.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 21st March. Na Tung has slightly improved, but is still unable to walk.

CANTON TARTAR GENERAL.

DEPARTURE FROM PEKING. [By courtesy of the "Shoung Po."]

Peking, 21st March. The new Tartar-General for Canton left Hankow on 20th inst., and will leave Bhanghai on 24th inst. [cn] route to the Southern capital.

DELIMITATION OF MACAO

INSTRUCTIONS BY THE REGENT.

[By courtesy of the " Shoung Po."]

Peking, 22nd March. The Prince Regent has given directions to the Grand Council to telegraph to H.E. Chang Jen-chun, Vicercy of Canton, advising His Excellency that, as the Commissioner appointed by Portugal for the delimitation of Macao, is about to arrive, the Chinese Commissioner should have everything in readiness

Commission opens its sittings. LEGATION GUARDS.

TO BE WHOLLY WITHDRAWN.

[By courtesy of the " Shoung Po."]

Peking, 22nd March.

H.R. Chang Childing has proposed to

An arrangement has been reached arect a statue to the late Choung Pak hieract has Peking agth March.

whereby all the Legation Guards in formerly president of the Ministry of Posts the Prince Regent—is connected with the quie ball their our ber was unconditionally Peking will be withdrawn before the and Communications.

second quarter of the current (Chi-

TANG SHAO-YI.

APPOINTED TO THE WAIWUPU

By colorlesy of the Shaung Po!

Peking, 22nd March. On his return to China, His Excellency Tang Shao-yi will be appointed vice-president of the Waiwupu.

NAVAL REORGANISATION

RAISING THE FUNDS. [By courtery of the " Shoung Po."]

Peking, 22nd March. The Prince Regent has instructed Duke Tsai not to importune the i ople when raising funds for the Naval Reorganisation, scheme.

> CANTON-HANKO W RAIL WAY,

THE LOAN AGREEMENT. [By courtesy of the " Shoung Po."]

Peking, 23rd March. The draft of the loan agreement for the construction of the Hunan-Hupeh section of the Canton-Hankow Railway hus been signed by H.E. Chang Chih-tung, superintend ent general of the railway.

Now a certain-Minister-is-urging that the

final agreement should be drawn up.... TANG SHAO-YI.

RE-APPOINTMENT ON

HIS RETURN. [By courtesy of the "Shoung Pd."],

Peking, 23rd March. When H. E. Tang Shao-yi returns to China in the course of the current moon, he wil again take up his appointment as Commis ioner General. He will be charged also with the duty of attending to the scheme for the increase of duties and the abolition o

IMPERIAL FUNERAL.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung. Po."] Peking, 23rd March.

The Waiwupu will appropriate a sum of two hundred thousand table for entertaining the Foreign Ministers who are to represent their respective countries on the occasion of the funeral of the late Emperor Kwang Su.

NAVAL REORGANISATION

EXTENSION OF KIANGNAN

ARSENAL

[By coursesy of the "Shoung Po."] Peking, a3rd March, Admiral Sah has held a conference with Prince Su on the project for an extension of Kiangnan Docks, at Shanghai, in 'con junction with the naval reorganisation

AUDIENCE.

-DATE POSTPONED.

[By couriesy of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 23rd March. The Prince Regent has altered the date to the rith day of this moon for an audience to be granted to all officials within the Wen Hua Palace.

PETITION BOXES. PEOPLE'S INTEREST.

[By courtery of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 23rd March. Some time ago the Prince Regent caused to be erected petition boxes for the people to drop in petitions and suggestions.

Several tens of memorials have been deposited into the boxes; some deal with the subject of naval reorganisation and other contain suggestions regarding the Banner man troops.

The Prince Regent is highly pleased wit the result of his experiment.

SIR ROBERT HART. EXPIRATION OF LEAVE. [By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 24th March. -Sir Robert-Hart's leave of absence for one year having expired; the Grand Council has telegraphed to the Inspector-General arging his return to Peking.

SHANGHAI SETTLEMENT.

[By courtery of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 24th March. The Foreign residents in Shanghai have repeatedly applied for an extension of the foreign settlement.

The Waiwupu strenuously opposes; th domand :

> THE LATE CHEUNG, PAR-HI.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

By courtery of the" Shoung Po."] at 1

The cost of the memorial is to be defrayed by public subscription. H.E. Heu Shi-chang, president designate of the Ministry, has already subscribed sum of one thousand tacls.

THE OPIUM REVENUE.

HOW TO BE MADE UP. [By courtesy of the "Showing Po."]

Peking, 24th March The Ministry of Finance has telegraphed to all the Provincial authorities allowing them forty days within which to submit their proosals for making good the opium revenue which is threatened with extinction.

CHURCHES AND CONVERTS. CENSUS CALLED FOR.

[By courtery of the ! Shoung Po. 1]

Peking, 24th March. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has called upon all the Provinces to furnish returns showing the number of churches and converts within each province...

TANG SHAO-YI. AUDIENCE BY THE EMPEROR

OF AUSTRIA. [By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] .

Peking, 24th March. H.E. Tang Shao yi has telegraphed he has been granted an audience by the Em peror of Austria on the 22nd lost.

RUSSIA AND CHINA

TAXING CHINESE IN MANCHURIA

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 24th March The Russians are imposing heavy taxes of Chinese goods at Hup-hak-to (?). The Chinese merchants have telegraphed

to their principals in Peking to stop making

further consignments.

THE IMPERIAL FUNERAL. FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES.

[By coursesy of the " Sheung Po."] Peking, 25th March. The representative of Russia—a Duke—a the funeral of the late Emperor Kwang St

has arrived in Peking. The representatives of the foreign Powers number sixteen in all. [16] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is con-

ducting in a suitable manner the hospitality

extended to the foreign guests.

 ${\it PRINCE}\,\,{\it REGENT}.$

ASSIDUITY IN STUDIES. [By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 25th March. The Prince Regent, who has hitherto devoted two hours daily to his studies, desirous of extending the time to four hours. The Grand Councillors are using every persuasion to dissuade him from carrying out

his wishes in this respect. RETRENCHMENT

> MILITARY EXPEDITIONS DISCOURAGED.

[By courtesy, of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 25th March. The Ministry of War his issued strict in structions to all the Provinces not to make pretext of alleged rebellious movements for

the despatch of military expeditions unless absolutely necessary. The object of the instructions is to keep down military expenditure.

NAVAL BASES.

CHEFOO AND TAKU.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 25th March. Prince Su and Tieh Liang have decided

naval bases. INSPECTION OF PROVINCES INQUIRY BY THE GRAND

to establish the ports of Cheloo and Taku as

COUNCIL [By courtery of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 25th March. The Grand Council has telegraphed to the high officials in all the provinces asking for

their opinion as to the advisability of deputing Censors on a tour of inspection to the

EX-VICEROY WEI. RECOMMENDED FOR REINSTATEMENT.

[By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."] Peking, 25th March.

Yuk Long, one of the Special Commisthe U. S. Buttleship Squadron, has strongly recommended ex-Viceroy Wei Kwang-to for

THE PRINCE REGENT.

AND THE GRAND COUNCIL. By courtery of the " Shoung Po."]

Grand Councillors' bureau by telephone.

ATIENTSIN MERCHANIS. INDEBTEDNESS TO FOREIGN HONGS.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking orth March.

The Ohinese merchants in Tientsin are indebted to foreign merchants to the extent of fourteen million taels The Foreign Ministers in Peking have re-

presented to the Waiwupu that the debt should be considered as under Government The Waiwupu has especially directed

Vicercy Yeung Shi-chang to look into the matter.

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The following telegrams were received from the Manila Observatory at the American Consolate General:---March zist, 7.05 p.m.

5 p.m. Cyclone or typhoan E, of Southern lisayas or Northern Mindamao. Moving W March 22nd, 11.35 a.m.

Cyclone or typhoon East of the Visayas slands inclining Northward. · March 23rd, 9.30 a.m. The typhoon is crossing the Visayas Islands in the form of a shallow depression.

BLOWN ASHORE.

CARGO-BOAT WRECKED NEAR, HONGKONG As a result of the had weather which was experienced outside the harbour the other da n car, p-bont, the San On (No. S. 1323 H) came o grief. The San On left Hongkong, early on Wednesday morning bound for Mirs Bay with a cargo of charcoal. The weather at the time seemed favourable, there was a firsh wind blowing, and the San On made great headway. At about one o'clock that afternoon, bad weather was encountered. A higher sea was running and, coupled with a strong wind, the vesiel became comunageable. Her sail, was

destroyed, and for a time sho drifted about at th -mercy-of-the-wind-and-sea. - Gradually-th Son On was taken in the direction of Po Tai O a fishing island near Cape D'Aguilar, where she was finally wrecked. Her crew managed to scramble ashore, and later in the day were nicked up by a fishing boat and brought back to port. "The loss of the boat and her cargo is put down at nearly \$500.

GERMAN MAIL OPIUM CASE. CAPTAIN TECHNICALLY LIABLE AND FINED

The case in which Capt. P. Goshe, of the German mail steamer Prinzess Alles, was charged with being master of a steamer used for the importation of chands, concluded the other day, at Bingapore, when Mr.; de Melle fourth magistrate, decided that the captain was technically liable under the ordinance, that the offence would be met by a fire of \$ with costs. It is understood that there will be appeal. Mr. Fort appeared for the Opium

Rarm and Mr. Perkins for the captain. His Worship, after reviewing the evidence said that it was clear that neither the captain not the chief officer had knowledge of the content of the boxes on the voyage from Shanghaid Singapore. The only persons appearing to have known of the existence of the boxes on board from the very outset were the chief steward Brauns and the baggage master Hoftman. The former, with a view to doing a favour to an acquaintance of his, employed on another ship of the N.D.L., who had written to him to that effect at Hongkong, stated that, when on the lender-at: Woosung-bar-he heard himself being asked for by a Chinaman who menioned the name of his friend and showed him the two cases, he linked in his mind the contents of his friend's letter with the articles he

saw before him, and promptly accepted them without further inquiry....

A NATURAL QUESTION. -One's-experience-would-hardly-regard tha as an improbable, or, an incredible proceeding on his part. Neither in his anbsequent con duct nor in that of the baggage master di there appear to be any effort at secrecy, or any circumstance pointing to a knowledge on their part of the existence of opium in those boxes. The steward, on receiving them from th Chinaman, did not take stops to conceal them as he might easily have done had he so chosen, amidst the recesses of the ship; but he handed them over to the baggage master as luggage to be landed at Singapore. After reviewing further evidence, his worship sai that the question naturally suggested itself : Would the baggage master, if he had any suspicion that the cases held opium, have received them back from the hotel runner? and having thus received them back, would either he or the steward, if they know of the illegality of their conduct, have still allowed them, traces of them, to remain within the eye every one on board, thereby endangering themselves? The answer to both those questions seemed to be in the negative. The ordinance laid down that the presumption against the accused in such cases might be rebutted by proof of reasonable precaution. For the purpose of such proof, it seemed too much to require the captain to acquaint his subordinates with the revenue and excise laws of every port at which they might touch.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES. Nor did it appear to be essential that a search of the ship should be carried out at freque intervals in the voyage by the ship's officers to detect illicit opium. The ship in question unlike tothers that had recently come unde observation, was a ship plying between Euro and the Far East, and manned largely, if entirely, by European seamen. Its voyag were not restricted to Eastern waters. Honce, there was hardly sufficient ground, for apprehension of the secreting illicit articles on | basket belonging to them in the place. Next board, to necessitate frequent search. The Locission of coasonableness of the precentions | Sergeant Appleton but he could but place against smuggling in the case of a mail steamer I anyone under arrest in the Courses without would differ from that in the case of a vessel

ports. He was, therefore, of opinion that the

As to the second onus cast upon the accused by the ordinance, it could be said to have been sioners charged with the duty of welcoming satisfactorily, discharged, Amongst the personnel of the ship, the chief steward was cortainly implicated, within the meaning of the into the Colony though without knowledge the substance as chaudu. This ignorance on the part of an employee of the ship, combined with the other mitigating circumstances referred to, tended to lessen, to some extent, the therefore, convicted the master on the charge, and fined him \$500 and costs fifty copts, and ordered the chandy seized to be confit cated. Am I to make request on behalf of the int mer fasked Mr. Hawtry,-I leave that to the Formers, remined his Words P.

THE AMERICAN PLEBY

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS At the sports to be held at Happy Valley on the afternoons of the 24th and 25th the following events will be boom for competition :-

FLAT RACES -One mile Entries limited to eight men from the Ameri can Fleet; four men from the British Fleet four men, from the British Garrison, and two men from the French Squadron. HALF TLE -Conditions as for mile race. QUARTER MILE Conditions as for mile

222-YARDS. - (Post entries). 100 YARDS - (Post cotrict) HURDLE RACE, -120 yerds (10 flights) (Post

RELAY RACE .- Teams of 4 from any thin is the American aggadron. Rech compatitor will tun 230 yards. RELAY RACE. - Open to any ship regiment or departmental corps. Teams of 4. Each competitor will run a to vards

Onstacks Rick (Post entries) PUTTING THE SHOT (Post entries) Long Tunn Running (Post entries) LONG JUMP. - Standing (Post entries). HIGH TUMP AND THE SAME

THROWING THE HAMMER! TUG OF WAR. -- Catch weights. Teams of to open to American and French

TUG OF WAR. - Catch weights. Teams of 10 open to any ship, regiment of departmental corps. RICKSUA RACE -- Enter by pairs, each one of a pair to be of different nationality. To race 50 yards one mun pulling and the other in the

ricktha then change rounds and race back.

GREASY POLE FOUR LEGGED RACE.—Each three entered must consist of a Frenchman, an American and an Englishman. BACK RACE.

(Winners of events on the first day are de-

entertained to Luncheon

barred from entering for that event on the and

This afternoon, the men of the third squadron of the United States Battleship | Fleet visiting this port were entertained to luncheon at the Race Course, There was a strong muster of mon from the various, ships, and those not in the know passing up and down Happy Valley must undoubtedly have received a mild surprise to notice the altogether nautical appearance imparted to the usually peaceful turk.: Covers were laid for considerably over a thousand men, who thoroughly appreciated the hospitality of the Reception Committee. Mr. T. F. Hough the genial Clerk of the Course, on whom felt the brunt of the work as Secretary of the Reception Committee, was, as usual, on the "go." During the afternoon, the excellent Band of The Buffs enlivened, the proceedings with pleasing selections of music, which were much appreciated by their Yankes cousing Later & in the afternoon, athletic sports were held. when the various events were very keeply.

contested of the continuous and the state of the contest of the co Lust night, the man of the U.S.S. Glaveston gave a Minstrel Show at the Theatre Royal. when a fairly large portion of Hongkong's dute was present. The clever witticisms of the performers kept the audience in a continual sinte of laughter, while the several topical allusions were also taken in the tight? spirit. During the evening, a few chestouts found their way into the performance; but these did not lose half their pungency in claver hands and were altogether appreciated. The thanks of the Hongkong public are due to the -man for providing such an excellent entertain-

CLOTH OBALBR SWINDLED.

POLICE CAPTURE SEVERAL SUSPECTS. to test to the third of a 20th lost.

A remarkable story is told of a most daring swindle which was perpetrated in this Colony, in the early part of this month. A Company of the The alleged facts which have been placed at rour disposal go to show that on the 27th of last month a well-dressed Chinaman went to a cloth dealer's store at 172 Ching Wo Lauc and asked to see the manager. THe introducted himself to that worthy as a compiledore in the employ of a foreign firm, and further supplied a list of the goods his "master" wanted to the manager. The list is appended:-Fifteen table covers,

forty-six table cloths, six pillow slips, thirty-

four petticoats, eightems-places of embroidery etc., all amounting to \$618. "Get the goods roady," the "compradore" said, "and I will call round for them next week." The order, it will be seen, was no doubt a large ober and believing everything to be genuine, the manager of the store went to work and gut the things ready. On Sunday, 7th instant, the "compradore" returned to the store; and being told that everything was ready. gave olders to have the stuff. taken to his office, which was done. Accompanying the load were two of the store's lokis and the "compredore." At the Italian Consulate (corner of Ice House and Zetland Streets) the party came to n half. The compradore led the way into the building, followed by the two fokis, Inside the office, it was asserted, the goods were handed over to two of the office codies, who carried them into another room, while the shop fokie were told to Walt for payment was to sales property From the second room the office cooles. is presumed, through a roupdabout way, took the parcels back to the main entrance (up. noticed by the two waiting folis, who were kept in conversation by the "compradore") and so, it is stated, handed them over to two accomplices, who made good their escape. The rest is easily told. The shop coolies became tired of waiting and suspicious. They

demanded the return of their property, but al

the replies they received were ! What property

We haven't reen any of your property." Asked

for the return of the basket in which the goods

were brought they were told that there was no

came the police, in the form of Detective.

permission. This, however, was promptly given by the Italian Consul, and due of the office. plying regularly and exclusively between Eastern coolies was arrested. In the maintime the Prinzess Alice had not erred much, if at all, in | other birds, including the bogus compradors had flower. They went to Macao, the police learnt, but returned yesterday and were captured. From one of the suspects Detective Appleton learnt where part of the stolen goods had been sold. Stops were immediately taken and an Indian ordinance, in the importation of the chandu merchant, who was alleged to have been the purchaser, was also arrested like was released? soon afterwards on depositing bail of \$100. The names of those arrested are: Letter In Nam a broker, Chan Kan, a cloth degler, and two office cooling (charged with theft) (and penalty which in consequence of the presumption the law imposed upon the master. He Road Central (suspected of purchasing stolen. There is still another man wanted by the police and from kint, per uspe will be developed the property.
Those strated have planted how will you be

creater and the createst and and address of

The report for prescolation to the abarehold. -- Mr. J. J. Leinis, consultor Portugal, paid an ers at the thirty-sixth ordinary meeting to be official visit to the commander and officers of Arrested in the New Territory yesterday by held at the Society's offices at noon on Wedness the cruiser Vasoo da Ganta, which arrived from virtue of a warrant, Tang Ki made his ap-

the 31st December, 908, and a statement of accounts to the same date. 1007 Account .- After payment of the interim

dividend of \$30 per share and the bonns of 20% to contributors passed at the last appual meeting there remains a balance of \$680,126,17 as per annexed statement.

the Board recommends that this sum be appropriated as follows: A final dividend to shareholders of

"5.7 per share on 12,400 shares..\$210,800,00 To be carried forward to underwrit-

ing suspense account to close the account for the year 1907 ... 469,326.17 **3**680, 196, 17

1908 Account. The balance of working account on the stat December, 1908, was \$2,464,901.61 as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$30 per share be paid to share. holders, absorbing \$372,000, and that a bonus of 20% be paid to contributors, absorbing about \$250,000, and that the remainder be carried

DIRECTORS.

Since the last general meeting Mr. J. A. Plum-Helmstetire, but offer themselves for re-election. AUDITORS

Messrs. W. Hulton Potts and A. R. Lowe retire, but offer themselves for re-election, E. ORMISTON. Chairman,

Hongkong, 24th March, 1959...

BALANCE SHEET O' THE 11ST DECEMBER, 190

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150:452.71

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To sundry creditors... To bills payable To liability under cash certificates issued in part payment for China Traders' shares ...

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debentures and other securities in Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama and Singapore... 2,783,172,1 Amount invested in London

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\$4,574,683.86 Sterling Exchange taken at 18. 8-13/16d. C. MONTAGUE EDE,

Secretary. CHAIR COOLIK ASSAULTED.

ARM, ALLEGED, TO BE BROKEN IN BY ALFOLICRUAN.

Another outregeous attack on a Chiusman being stopped for a time. took place in the city last Thursday, Definite The building of the Rokkaku hospital at particulars are not to band us yet and may not. Nakamura was badly damaged by the collapse be for a few days. It is whispered, however, of the roof and wall. There were some fourthat an Indian policeman while regulating the teen patients in the building at the time, but traffic in Queen's Road became annoyed with a fortunately no one was plured. chair coolie, and, whipping out his truncheon, In a few cases electric and telephone wires struck the man a violent blow on the elbow, were broken in Vokohama, but no serious inbreaking the forearm, The coolin was sent to | convenience was caused thereby, hospital and may not be discharged for a few No serious damage was done to the harbour, Maya. Maanwhile the police authorities are but the cope by which vessels were fastened at that the offender will be found.

OFFICIAL CALLS."

Macao on Saitirday afternoon, There was the pearance at the Magistracy to-day to notwer The Board has now to lay before the Share- usual salute in hopour of the consular official. I a charge of embezziament. He entered a plea holders a balance sheet containing a summary. The return visit will probably be made to more of not guilty, and the case was adjourned for row. Consul Leiria and Capt. A. J. Almeida, a few days, when it is expected the charge of the Vasco da Gama, were the guests of Vice will be amended to one of larceny by bailee. Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lembton, Tang Ki was, until the offence on which he is Commander-in-Chief, at luncheon to-day on charged was committed, a servant in the em-

board the fligship, H.M.S. Ring Alfred. The ploy of Yik Sie, an opium divan keeper, at '25, Portuguese naval commander will pay an offi- Cochrene Street, and was a much trusted percial call on the Governor and General Officer son. About a week ago his employer gave Commanding the Proops to morrow. On Satur- him \$21,50 with which to pay the house rent day list the commanders and officers of the and to make certain purchases. Tang took Patris and Dilly were entertained to dinner by the money and, it is alleged, disappeared to Consul Leiria, who will be the guest of his his home in the New Territory, where he was naval compatriots at the Hongkong Hotel to- found by Detective Sergeant Appleton yestermorrow night, many

BARTHQUARE IN YOKOHAMA. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE.

SOME NARROW ESCAPES.

We extract the following details of the recent carthquake in Yokohama from the Japan Gustises -

At about half-past eleven on Saturday night Yokohama was visited by the severest shock of earthquake experienced in Japan since the great dispater in the Gifu district, which in 1885 caused considerable destruction and the toss of about twenty thousand lives. Conmer has resigned his seat and Mr. A. Forbes of sidering the violent and prolonged character Messes: Bradley & Co. has joined the Board. ... of the shock, which lasted altogether eleven In accordance with clause 86 of the articles | minutes and eight seconds, Youchama had a of association Mr. C. P., Lenzmann and Mr. W. miraculous escape from a great disaster. On the side of the Bluff overlooking the city the greatest damage was done, the residences on the station overlooking the harbour escaping with very little lojury beyond the break of ornaments caused by the fall,

The centre of the disturbance, according to the meteorological authorities, was at a point off the coast of Boshu peninsula, at the catrance of Tokyo Bay, the vibration being felt as far west as Osaka and Kyoto, while in the north tremors were lelt at Aomori, Sendal, Nigata, Akita and Ulaunomiya,.....

The shock, which began at 11.29, was at first horizontal and then vertical in motion, gradually increasing in force. On the Bluff the tremor was very severe, and caused considerable ularm among many residents, several cases chimneys toppled over and crashed through the roots, doing much damage to furniture and household effects, but fortunately in every case the inhabitants escaped injury. If every direction tiles from the roofs fell into the streets, and those who happened to be out at the time had tather an exciting time dodging the falling debris. In Chinatown a Japanese and his wife sustained tojuries, which it is feared will prove fatal.

In the Foreign Seitlement several godowne were-damaged, and in many places in the Japanese and Chinese quarters buildings were strained and the plaster and brickwork badly damaged.

Fortunately, except in one or two cases, the electric light was not disconnected : otherwise it is to be feared the shock would have caused a panic in many homes, with results which one can hardly contemplate without serious misgiv-

On the Bluff several houses suffered very severely, and not a few have been condomned as unsafe. At the house of Mr. E. Eddison, No. 35A, the residents had a very narrow escape. A chimney toppled over, and crashing through the roof into a bedroom, which, for tunately, was unoccupied, descended into the dining-room on the first floor, Mr. and Mrs. Eddison on Saturday evening were entertaining a number of friends, and the guests had lest the house only about ten minutes before the disaster occurred. The host and hostess, with a friend, were sitting in the drawing room at the time of the crash, but they, with the infant children, fortunately escaped injury. The two rooms into which the chimney fell are completely wrocked, furniture and bric-a-brac being smushed and scattered in all directions, The whole of the building is bodily strained and there are large fissures in the walls,

At No. 32, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Kocrting, a coimpay crashed through the roof and fell into the dining-room below with such force that a large hole, about two feet in length. was made in the ground fluor.

The bungalow at No. 2344, Bluff, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. Watson, was badly wrecken and rendered unsale. A chimney toppled over, but fortunately did not fall with sufficient force to crash the roof. The building was considerably strained, the ceilings of two rooms were cracked and plaster misplaced; wails saveral pictures and ornaments were thrown to the floor and broken or damaged.

At the General Hospital one-half of the tiles of the root of the main building were cleared us if swept away by hand, whilst the building itself was badly wrecked and furniture, etc., damaged. The new building of the U.S. raval Hospital was also badly strained, and several of the chimbbys just erected will have to be rebuilt, while the 54,390.39 "Deutsche Laus," which is now under construction, has several large fissures which will pro-\$3,480,525.16 bably necessitate the walls being reconstructed. the Catholic Church bas'ulso several cracks across the front of the building. At the residence of the Rev. E. S. Booth, No. 178, a brick chimney toppled over, but fortunately the damage done was not so serious as in some of the other cases noted. The brick chimney at the residence of Mrs. Itwine was also demolished, while the roof of a stable attached to Lot No. 14th was badly wrecked. The residence of Mr. R. T. Bell, at No. 26, was also damaged considerably. In numerous cases ornaments and pictures were displaced and broken, but the A. R. Abbas, an inspector in the employ pany. above cases constitute the most serious damage which has come to our notice on the Bluff. | sorry for it at the time. On the 4th instant lower parts of the town. The private residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tegnor was badly Malay, who is quartermaster on board the strained, while part of a godown fell on to the | Rubi. corrugated roof of Mr. Karl Lewis's photo-1,521,821,35 graphic studio in Hommura Road, crashing quired A Wang.

by Maste. Vabrine & Co. and Messre. Andrews & George were also seriously damaged. The roof of a building occapied by a Chinese at 165 Yamashita-cho fell in, and as a result, a Japanese and his wife received wounds from which they are not expected to recover. A large number of other boildings in Yamashita-cho

sustained more or less damage.

inquising into the metter, and I is to be hoped . | the Contoms plat was severed by the strain. Land some confusion prognited for a timpis w

ALLEGED AMBEZELEMENT.

COOLIE IN TROUBLE.

day. The case will be heard next week.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION. ADDRESS BY-SIR A. HOSIE

Shanghai, Feb. 14. All the reports of the international delegations have now been prescuted except those of Canada, Italy, and Russia. Do Friday Sit Alexander notic, speaking on behalf of the British delegation, reviewed the memorandum presented on the previous Monday by the Chinese delegates. He spoke with much sympathy and unusual knowledge, but exposed the weakness of the Chinese report, with its inadequate data and hasty preparation.

Sir Alexander Hosie began by expressing sympathy with the desire and the hinese to eradicate the opium evil, and he bore personal testimony to the wretchedness and misery which the abuse of opium had brought to the people of the three chief opiumproducing provinces, Sz:-chim, Yunnan, and Kweichau, where he had resided for many years. He asked for further information, not in a carping spirit, but as desiring to assist and but to embarrass Chica to the gigautic task before her. He saked whether returns would be duly published of the acreage under poppy cultivation and the number of opium smokers, as called for by the Imperial decrees of June 26, 1907, and may 23, 1908, which ordered the provincial authorities to make such returns within six months. Tong-kai-son, in presenting his memorandum, had stated that it had been impos-

the serious defects, error, and omissions contained to the Chinese memorandum regarding. Japanese Government, but the answer received the distribution of foreign optum and the tovenue derived from pative opium, ... The memorandum had shown only the paltry share of at Canton; this interview is said to be probabtaxition on pative opium collected by the Maritime Customs, and it omitted to mention the fact that the revenue collected from native. not be true, but public feeling in Canton seems opium during the year 19.8 in the I-chang col- to run high, especially in view of the fact that ectorate alone was 5,500,105 tacls (2095,345), the Japanese boycott has not quite reached a sum in excess of the total revenue from the whole of the foreign opium imported into Chipa during that year. Oa the question of opium production in

sible to obiain such returns."

China, Sir. Alexander House, ignoring the estimate of the Ministry of Revenue, which Tong-kai-son had admitted to be unsatisfactory and untrustworthy, demonstrated that in preparing her memorandum Chies had compiled the returns for 1908 and then estimated that, as the production had been reduced in the meantime, the production of 1906 must have been 37 per cent. greater than in 1908. Such reasoning was illogical, for the acreage under poppy cultivation being unknown, any conclusion based on the alleged reduction of an noknown area was valueless. In her memorandum China stated that poppy production had been entirely supprossed in the Mukden province of Manchuria but poppy was a summer crop, and last summer hehimseif had seen poppy growing at Mukden; it was therefore premature to speak of its suppression. On oue page of the memorandum it. was stated that the production of optum in the province of Shantung was 88 tons in 1908, and on another page that it was 7:4 tons, the former being the Governor's report and the fatter the Customs report.

Passing to the question of the consumption of opium, Sir Alexander Hoste again demonstrated the untrustworthiness of the Chinese figurese and expressed the hope that China would be able to furnish the numbers of smokers registered under the regulations, but added :- " Such information, however, is immaterial to, and should not be allowed to obscure, the main issue-namely, that opium in China is a great evil, and the removal of the temptation is the only cure.

Sir Alexander Home concluded his address, which was very favourably received, with these words:-

"In spite of the absence of any well organized and uniform scheme for accomplishing the task which China has set before her, there can be no doubt but that fair progress has been made in several provinces. Much still remains to be done, but the Chinese Government whose sincerity is beyond question, has the sympathy of the British delegation, and, trust, of this Commission in it efforts to cradi cate the opium evil from the Empire,-Zimes Correspondent.

"UNSPORTSMANLIKE!"

A BLICK-EYE FOR REFUSING A DRINK.

There are very few people in Hongkong who could summon up enough courage to say "No" when invited out to have a drait. It will indeed come as a surprise to many to learn that ! there is at least one person with nerve enough, to utter the word. That bold man was of the Tramway Company and he was Considerable damage was also done in the Abbas left his house for a stroll. In Lower Lascar Row be met a friend named A Wang, a

"Hello, Abbas, where are you going?" in-

For a walk," answered Abbak. "Come and have a drink, man," asked the Admiral of the province of Kwangsi. Quartermaster, ... Abbas refused.

" Let us have a walk, then,"

The double refusal so annoyed the Malay opinion to have a spacious building conthat he hauled off and planted his fist on structed on the site of the East Parade Ground The waterworks pipes were damaged in the other's right eye, discolouring that optic for the offices of this new Council. various places. 'At Kaneno-hashi bridge near for nearly a week. Abbas retaliated by prothe Isezaki cho Police Station, the main burst, secuting his assailant and engaging Mr. P. X. and the neighbourhood was flooded, traffic d'Almada e Castro to see that the proper punishment was inflicted. The case was heard in the l'olice Court, yesterday morolog, and the defendant pleaded guilty to the assault.

Mr. Kemp-Was he drunk? Mr. d'Almada-He must have been. The complainant says he was not. Mr. Kemp-Is there any ill-feeling between

Mr d'Almada-None whatever, They were very friendly The defendant was thed \$5 and bound over in the sum of \$15 to be of good behaviour for

ARIBR THE PIRE.

EXCITING SCENE IN POTTINGER STREET

Long after the fire brigade had left the scoue of the fire, which broke out in Pollinger Street on Saturday afternoon, a coolio was seen leaving one of the damaged buildings carrying a bamboo belmet, on which appeared the letters M.B.K., in his hand, This was about p m. The Indian policeman, who had been deputed to look after the premises, attempted, to seize the coolie, but the latter, from all accounts, struck out boldly. Both men closed and in the desuing struggle it was alleged that the coolie drew a penknife and cut the policeman on the hand, In his endeavour to strike another blow he tripped and fell, striking his head on the curb-stone and sustaining a. nasty wound on the forehead. The disturbance that was made attracted a large crowd, in which was a European, who had been to see the cinematograph, He had heard the noise and arrived on the scene in time to relieve the coolin of his knife. coolie, who was now bleeding copiously from his wound, was taken, covered in blood, to the Central Police Station. There he gave the name of U Fan and his address 24. Third Street. He refused to go to hospital when asked by inspector Fenton. This afternoon he was arraigned before Mr. J. H. Kemp, charged with theft and assault. He denied the charges, however, and the case was adjourned in order to allow the prosecution to secure more witnesses. and, if possible, the European,

> CANTON BAY BY DAY. A STRANGE REPORT. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 19th March. Upon telegraphic intelligence from the officials of Weichow that certain Japanese have but up their national flags along a place called Tung Sha, Captain Wu King Jung was, on the 8th instant, de patched, together with three other officers, by toe ceroy to the spot to ascertain the exact sitt .clon. These officers have now returned and have submitted a report to the Viceroy, in which Captain Wu stated that a number of Japanese and Formosans with a few Chinese were found work. ing earnestly to develop the place, but that there were no apparent signs that they were working in the interest of their Government H. E. Viceroy Chang is said to have communicated with certain Japanese officials asking for Sir Alexander Hosie then proceeded to show information whether the Japanese people now occupying the place are men sent by the by the Viceroy decied the allegation. Yesterday the V ceroy received the Japanese Consul ly in connection with the case. The rumout of the Chinese as to the above may perhaps

> EXAMINATION OF TREASURY'S ACCOUNTS. On the 1st day of the 2nd intercalary moor H. E. Viceroy Chang will check the accounts of the Provincial Government Treasury,

ARMS AND AMMUNITION SEIZED. The Brigadier-General at Kit Shek has recently secured the scizure of a quantity of arms and ammunition on their attempted importation to the interior by smugglers. The contraband, together with the owner, were yesterday sent to Canton to be deaft with. DISCOVERY OF GUNPOWDER.

On the 16 h instant, the Likin officials at Ho Kow, above Samshui, on examining some packages of pickled vegetables, found parcels of guppowder piled underneath the baskets to the extent of some seven hundred catties. Five

men, to whom the powder belonged, were

arrested and brought to Canton the same day. BUILDING FATALITY. Two days ago a shed, which was being built for the storage of railway materials of the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section) at Shek Lung, suddenly collapsed, owing to the incessant rain during fast month, and six men were injured. One of the men sustained somewhat serious injury and has sloce died.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY. The Superintendent of the Canton-Hankow Reilway (H.E. Chang Coih Tung) in reply to Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, who had recently tendered his resignation from the Presidentship of the Railway, yesterday sent a telegram to Canton, when Sir. Chen Tung's resignation. was again refused. In the meantime oir Chen Tung has been encouraged to exert his best efforts in the management of railway matters.

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CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY. The Viceroy has received a long telegram, consisting of over a thousand letters, from H. E Chang Chih Tung, Superintendent of the Canton-Hankow Railway, in which H. E. Chang severely consures the members of the Board of Directors of the Company at Canton, for their unsatisfactory management. Yester. day, the Viceroy sent for Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, President of the Company, to his yamen and questioned him in detail on several points relating to the Railway.

The Company are now inviting tenders for supplying stones for the construction of brid ges; the tenders will be opened on the 23rd

TAOTAL SHUM TUNG'S DEATH. Tho death is announced of Taotai Shum Tung on the 2xth instant at Feng Tien. The late Tabtai Shum was in Canton during ex-Viceroy Chow Fu's time and he took a leading part in settling the disputes among the shareholders of the Canton-Hankow Railway Com-

-U.S.-ADMIRAL ENTERTAINED, Yesterday, H. R. Viceroy Chang Jen Chun. received Admiral Mead, of the U.S. Navy, who arrived here a short time ago, and H.E. entertained the American visitor to dinner. KWANGSI'S NAVAL HEAD.

An Imperial Decrea was issued on the 10th instant appointing Lung Char Kwong to be CANTON DELIBERATIVE COUNCIL.

The Canton Preparatory Deliberative Council was ostablished a month ago with its tom-" won't have any," was the stubborn an- porary offices in the old governor's yamen. The Canton authorities are power of the KWANGCHOW-MIDDLE COLLEGE!

On the morning of the 21st instant, H. E. press the factious parties, Viceroy Chang Jen Chun proceeded to the Middle College of the Kwangchow Prefecture. and personally distributed certificates to a number of successful candidates who have recently completed their course of studies in

that College. THE JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

a penalty of three hundred dollars towards the funds of the Society. The Belf-Government Society has accepted the firm's apology.

23rd March. OUTBREAK OF PLAGUE Several cases of bubonic plague have been reported to have occurred in the new city Canton, in consequence of which the Taotai of Constabulary has issued a proclamation embodying a set of sanitary, regulations it ward the people to be careful with regard to their food and to keep their houses as clean as possible. In the proclamation the sale of dried rats is prohibited.

EXECUTION OF PIRATES Some time ago twelve pirates were arrested in Sha Lan, Sunning district, and were sentenced to death after trial by Admiral Li Chon. On the 16th instant, these criminals were behended. BOYS' SCHOOL ATTACKED.

On the 22nd day of the 2nd moon, a school n Kam Lauvillage in Hoi Kin district with an eproliment of nineteen students was attacked by a gang of robbers late in the evening Nine boys were kidnapped and all valuable articles that the robbers could lay their bands on were taken away. The master, whose name is Mok Sheung Ki, who offered resistance to the robbers, had his left arm out off, and two students were seriously injured. OFFICIAL'S REINSTATEMENT.

A private telegram has been received here

that the newly-reinstated Taotai Li Keb Chek has had an audience with the Prince Regent recently and will shortly leave the capital to proceed South and to serve again in the Canton Government service. INTERNATIONAL AMENITIES.

At II o'clock this mosting, H. E. Vicercy Chang Jen Chun proceededeto Shameen to return an official call on Admiral Mead, of the U. S. Navy.

ENCOUNTER WITH BINDITS. The officials of the Sun Yu district have reported to the Viceroy that a week ago a number of soldiers had an encounter with some bandits, the latter being ultimately beaten and obliged to take to flight. In view of the demonstrations of the local gentry, the bandits (one hundred and eight in all) have surrender-

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ed and handed over their weapons.

SAD RAILWAY FATALITY, At 10.20 a.m. on the morning of the 22nd. instant a train, while on its way to Fatshan from Shek Wai Tong knocked down three man J at the same time. These men attempted to pass across the rails when the train was fast approaching the Five-Eye Bridge, and one of the unfortunates was run right over by the locomotive and was killed instantaneously. while the other two had their arms and legs baily injured. The two injured men have been admitted to hospital but there is scarcely any hope of their recovery. The deceased's relatives, on being informed of the accident, hastened to the station and threatened to punish. Bank of England rate the angine-driver for his alleged carelessness. It is not known how the case will be settled.

PROPOSED MAP OF KWANGTUNG. The students of the Canton Drawing and Surveying College, have recently completed their course of studies and they will shortly be sent out to various places to draw sketches

with a view to making a complete map of the whole province of Kwangtung. CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. "The local officials here are now hastening matters in preparation of the institution of

Constitutional Government. The two District. Magistrates of Namhoi and Pan Yu have convened meetings at their respective yamens, when the local gentry, members of the different societies and institutions and merchants were invited to attend. A committee and subcommittee have been elected to work in different sections of the districts in co-operation wit the officials to further the Self-Government

CHINA'S WAVY.

The Viceroy has received instructions from Paking to exert his best efforts in raising funds in the province under his jurisdiction towards the funds for the organisation of a Chinese Navy. The Viceroy has also been requested to use his influence to make the people contribute royalties to the Government for the success of the project.

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CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY. Since the appointment of Tarini Wong Ping Yun as Resident Director-General in Cauton by the Superintendent of the Canton-Hankow Railway (H.E. Coats Chih Tung) to look after the interests of that portion of the rail way in the province of Kwangjung, the mem." bers of the present Board of Directors of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company here feared that the newly-appointed official would-interfere more or less with the working of the Company and that they would consequently lose much of the benefit that they hitherto enjoyed, For the purpose of avoiding this the Directors. of the Company have wired to H.E. Chang Chih Tung, requesting him to cancel the appointment of l'actai Wong, which H. E. Chang refused to do, as already reported. On the other hand, through the numerous complaints received from several patties of shareholders, H. E. Chang Chib Tung has been thoroughly acquainted with the state of affairs. H. B. Chang Chih Tong therefore yesterday again wired to Canton appointing Admiral Li Chun. and the Provincial Treasurer Wuy Scoop steamship Chikis on Sunday same permission, Lum to act as advisors of the Railway with instructions to work in co-operation with Taotai Wong Ping Yun, the Resident Director-General, in settling all railway questions. RAILWAY SHAREHOLDERS' UNION FORMED.

As railway matters now appear to be in ! state of confusion, a Railway Shareholders' Upion has been formed by a party of shareholders with its offices in the Western suburb This Union has now issued circulars, inviting shureholders to join. An antrance fee of one cent for each share will be charged towards the funds for the maintenance of the Union. The object of the Union is to check the accounts of the Company and to do what is necessary for axistence of duplicate names of streets in

Yesterday morning, the magistrate of the ling to a list printed in the Guz:tte be is-named. Namboi district reported to the Viceroy by wire that a serious armed clan fight is taking place in his district between the people of the charged in the Police Court, last Saturday, at the Sha Kao and Li Pal villages, and that it was instance of Sergeant Sim, with stealing a necessary to have a large number of soldiers dingby, valued at \$20, the property of a shopsent there with all hacto to soutore order. Yes- keeper, It was asserted that Ng took the terday afternoon, by order of the Vicercy, Admiral Li-Chus, with a body of troops, boarded the shallow-draft cruiser Klang Ku and proceeded to the disturbed quarter to sup-

LIKIN COLLECTION.

A summons issued by one P, Costs, & clerk, THE Shanghai juggler who was charged yesterby other merchants to the Capton Self-Govern- valued at the Police Court, hind lek was demaged and he was of opinion ment Society have now written to the Society yesterday forenoon. Neither of the parties ap- that cruelty was shown. A 400 of \$10 was

COMMERCIAL RRHIGHT MARKET.

Messra, Lamke and Rogge write in their ortaightly report of 20th inst. The freight market during the fortnight under review has not been of any importance; and rates generally have been far from satisfactory

from owners' point of view. Saigon/Hongkong.-Considering the time of the year, trade in this direction remains singularly inactive. There has only been one charter during the formight on basis of 13 cents. Saveral chartering orders for amall, sized steamers were promptly withdrawn on owners making the attempt to obtain a slight advance. on before mentioned rate.

From Saigon to Philippines a steamer is ro. ported fixed at 23 cents for 28,000 picula, and a few transactions have taken place from Sale gon to N. C. Java on basis of 22/13 conts to A charter is on record from Hongkong to

Java, passengers and cargo, at \$0,000 lump sum, and from Bangkok to Siboga (Sumatra) for salt, a steamer has been settled at 40 cents from inside the bar and 33 cents from outside." Nowchwang/Canton has two-further charlers at 25 and 24 cents respectively, in both cases only part cargoes being guaranteed to owners. In the way of coal charters the following are on record | Pulolaut to Singapore at \$2. Hongay to Hongkong at \$1.75 and Moji to Hong." kong at St.50 per ton. Coal tonnage from Japan continues extremely scarce, several Moji-Hougkong inquiries, placed on the London

market, being unresponded to." On "time" basis, for the term of 3 months, local Chinese bave taken up a handy-sized Norwegian steamer at \$4,250 per month, Sail Tonnaud Loading or to Load :- No Sail tonnage Disengaged:-None.

Departure of Sailers :-- None.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling. America—Bank T.T. Shanghal-Bank T.T.....75 Ingapore-Bank T.T. per H.K. \$100741 Sapan-Bank T.T.

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months' sight L/C. 3's days' sight San Francisco & New Corn; 47

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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Mr. Tong Hok-ling has been appointed a public vaccinator. MORE aborigines to the number of 328 bave surrendered in North Formosa.

THE Chinese, Navy Commissioners propose. Roing on a tour to inspect and decide on a Naval base.

INSPECTOR Macdonald, of the Hongkong Police Force, who has been on leave in the home. land for the last nine months, has returned to resume duty.

THE Prince Regent has fixed on May to as the day on which he will ascend the Wen Hua Throne Hall to grant infervious to princes, In consequence of the sudden death of

she is obliged to gancel her invitations for tomorrow night (23td inst.). .. THE recent inactivity of spot shares in Tokio is attributed to the issue of an Argentine loan of 400,000,000 francs, which will be launched

General Osgood, Mrs. Basil Taylor's father.

THE Japanese House of Peers on 13th inst. passed the Budget as modified by the Lower House. This robs the present session of the Diet of all practical importance.

in Paris on the 26th instant.

MR. S. B. C. Ross acis as district officer in the New Territories during the absence on Icevo of Mr. E. R. Hallifax or until further notice, with effect from 19th inst.

THE registration of a memorial of re-entry by the Government of House No. 61 in Ping Kong village in Survey District No. 91 on the 20th day of January, 19:9, has been cancelled. THE training ships Ase (ex Bayan) and Soys.

(er Varyag) left Yokohama on the 14th institut for a long cruise, in the course of which San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver and other ports will be visited. POLICEMAN Edwards, of the Water Police Station, prosecuted two men at the Police Court, last Monday, for being on board the

They were fined \$10 each. THE English mail blacedonic left for the home country last Saturday, and among her passengers were Detective-hergeant Terrett and Mr. A. E. Dunrich, of the Gas Company, who are proceeding home on a well-carned holiday.

A CENSOR has memorialized the Throng suggesting that the prohibition against opium should be increased in severity, and secret emissaries should be deputed to every province to detect any violations of the interdict.

In order to prevent confusion arising from the the benefit of the general body of shareholders. Hongkong and Kowloon at the the streets in Governor has directed that the streets accord-

An Aberdeen fisherman named Ng Kam was dinghy dut for "exercise" and "forgot" to return. The case was, remanded.

As Mongolia is rich in minerals and foreignors have been casting longing glances on it. the Ministry of Agriculture Industry and Commerce contemplates forming a joint-stock The collection of Likin dues during the last mining company, from subscriptions by Chiten days of the and moon, as reported by the base merchants in China and abroad, so as to Likin officials, amounted to 46,604.9.5.0 tacls, letalu profitable enterprises in Chinese hands.

residing at 11, St. Francis Street, against A. day (19th last), by Policeman Wilson, of No. 2 Ton Wo Tong, a Chinese firm in Singapore, Rozzrio, a clerk in the Hongkong Bank, and Police Station, with ill maine a sheep, was conwhich was found to have acted in violation of Pro Brien, of Bradley and Company, for allegal victed by Mr. Wood to day, Mr. Adam Gibson, tho approses boycott regulations, as ichorted ed assault and damaging a pair of speciacies. the veterioury sorgeon stated that the animals

By direction of His Excellency the Governor stands adjourned till the ist April :

A Pronon club has been started at Tongaban. Mr. Donald Finter is, the China Crific loarns, For refusing to accept hire when disengaged importing birds from Hougkong and Shunghai for breeding purposes.

A KOWLOOM City shopkeeper, who was arrested last Monday, by inspector Mutiton, for selling samshu without a licence, was fixed \$300 in the Police Court, on Tuesday morning.

IT is interesting to learn that the sis. Z'enyo Maru made the trip from Nagasaki to this port in 2 days and 18 hours. Shu left Nagasaki on Saturday, the 20th instif at 3 p.m. and arrived here on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Mr. R. J. Grist, a member of the firm of Wilkinson and Grist, one of the oldest and most popular solicitors in the Golony, is to lonve for home next week on a well-earned holiday. Mr. Grist has been in the Colony for nearly eighteen years.

THE first consignment of about 2,000 lbs. rubber from the Sekong estate in North Bornet has been sold recently at home. The sheets fetched 5s. 24 1. per ib., and the scrap 4s. 9d., which gives a good percentage. Regular monthly shipments are now expected to come

An Indian policeman was charged in the Police Court, fast Mouday, with stealing a bottle of milk from a Dairy Farm coolie at the Peak. on Sunday. The coolie, it was said, left his, basket on the Peak Road. Defendant came nlong and was nileged to have removed boitie. He was seen and arrested; The case was remanded.

A MONTH's hard labour and in addition four hours in the stocks, was the sentence rate itop (unemployed) received in the Police Court, fast Monday, for stealing brass belonging to the Green Island Cement Company, at clok Un, on Sunday. The brass was strapped round Lam's THE Courrier Saigemais publishes interesting waist when he was searched when attempting to leave the works.

SENTENCE of six weeks' hard labour and four of tobacco, the properties of the quartermasters. I hose from the United States. -Waltham and Christendon-of the steamer Mongolta. The their was committed yesterday when Cheng went on board "to visit friand."

A NOTICE to mariners issued by the Chinese Customs states that Captain C. D. Bradley, of the s.s. Kulsang, reports having struck an uncharted rock in the south Entrance to Haitan | which he atterwards pawned. A sentence of Strait. From the information supplied the ap- l'eix weeks' hard labour was passed. proximate position of the rock is 6 cables E.N.E. Iroin the eastern islet of Double Yit. and is covered about 7 fact at low water of spring tides.

A JAPANESE woman was fined in the Police seem, had charge of the firm's books, and on Court, last Thursday morning, for disorderly the 22nd February last, it is asserted, he made behaviour in the public street on Wednesday | certain false entries in the account book with night. She was seen by Policeman Wilson to the intention of defrauding the firm, of \$48.62. approach an American seilor and throw her I The case was adjourned. arms around his neck. Such amorous behaviour the sailor did not like, and, the woman was arrested. A fine of Sto was imposed.

Jujun, of Usaka, which left Osaka some days ago for l'aingtau and Chefoo via Kobe, caught | object of this bill is to maintain in force for a fire at the outrance to Taiogtan on the 14th further four years the law for the reimburseinstant, but succeeded in getting into port. | ment of duty on sugar refined in Japan, which . We learn from the Muinichi that the cargo was | expires this year. insured for Y-100,000 and the steamer for

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased | business," as they thought, two men-Wong to appoint Dr. F. T. Keyt to act as health officer of the port and inspector of emigrants, | coolie, sixty years of age, of 146, Queen's Roa Dr. Fritz Gibne to act as second health officer | Central, had to contribute \$5 apiece to Govern of the port and inspector of emigrants and Dr. ment last Monday. The excise officer, it would G. E. Aubrey to act as assistant, health officer of the port and inspector of emigrants during the absence on leave of Dr. G. P. Jordan with affect from 10th instant.

CHAN YEUNG, a tallyman, formerly in the employ of Messrs. Siemssen and Company, has been arrested on suspicion of having committed a their as far back as last October. On that date (30/:0/08) Chan was alleged to have stolen from the steamship bilesia twenty cases of "essential" oil. Mr. Carl G. Gok is the complainant, and the case, which was called on Baturday last, was remanded.

MR. J. J. Leiria, Consul for Portugal, paid an official call on Vice-Admiral Harber on board the flagship Charleston last Thursday afternoon. The U.S. Commander-in-Chief placed his barge at Consul Leiria's disposal-on his visit to and from the Charleston. The usual salute was fired as the Consul boarded the flagship. Vice-Admial Harbor expects to make the returnvisit belore, his departure on Saturday.

JUDGE R. H. Thayer, of the United States Court of Shanghai, and Mrs. Thayer, are at the Hoogkoog Hotel, as are Mr. F. F. Colonial Secretary, the Secretary of the Chan Hinckley, the Clerk of the Court, and Mr. A. I ber of Commerce writes :- I have now t Bassett, the District Attorney. Judge Thayer honour to state in reply to your letter of an is Judge Wilfley's successor a Washington, February, 1909, on the subject of the quaranti D. C. Jurist of dignity and high professional estation at Laichikok, that my committee a standing. The gentlemen plan to go to Canton on the Friday day boat, where legal matters: will be attended to.

MIN C. H. Oliver, formerly Commissioner of Customs at Mukden, arrived at Peking on the 18th inst. to take up the position of Chief Secretary of the Imperial Maritime Customs. Mr. Ohver first joined the service as Professor of English to the Tung Wen Kuan. He resigned from the Customs service in April, 1908, and he is rejoining the service, with the rank of Commissioner. His present position was last held by Mr. H. M. Hitlier.

A STABRING affray is reported to have occurred at West Point late last Sunday night. A coolie named Ho Iu was stabled in the side. A tailor, giving the name of Chin Kwan, has been placed under arrest on suspicion of being the guilty party. It is alleged that both men quarrelled A TOKYO dispatch reports that a firm in Tit about a woman, and the stabbleg followed: The trip, which sells Japanese timber to the Kaipi Injured man was taken to hospital. His alleged offender is being detained by the police until the discharge of the coolie from hospital.

This morning (23rd inst.), in the Police Court, another trader-Wo Yee, of the Kwong Hing firm, 14, Graham Street, was fined \$25 for committing a breach of the Stamp Ordinance. It was pointed out that the defendant gave an unstamped receipt to a customer from whom he had collected \$19.86. This is getting a common THE souvenir number of the South L practice now," said a police officer this morning, Morning Post, which we have just roce and I would like some mention of it be made should form an excellent memente of the so that others may take notice. A wink is as

A COOLIE with allaser mannerable was banished from the Colony, in April, 1906, for a reproduces the accounts of the banquett period of five years. Some days ago, however, and junkatiles which were given in honor the coolie returned bearing another name, but the officers and men, chronicles the result this did not seem to have disguised his features, the sports and generally affords one excell the was recognised in Hollywood Road last idea of how, Hongkong appreciated they He was recognised in Hollywood Road last idea of how Hongkong approclated the visit Monday by a susong and arrested. On Tues of our American kinemen, it is illustrated

U.S. VICE ADMIRAL Harber held a reception the pext meeting of the Legislative Council on board his flagship the Charleston yester day afternoop, to which the principal residents in the Colony were invited.

> a chair coolie, last Thursday, had a fine of Sto to pay, Fi J. Elmi an overseer, of 2, Chico. Terrace, was the prosecutor.

> LEUNG SHULL the master of fishing-boat No. 22430, was sentenced to fourteen days hard labour last Wednesday for unlawful possession of a terpaulic, valued at \$30, which had been stolen from a steamship.

A CHINESE, woman was, in the Police Court last Wednesday, charged with ill-treating her four-year-old child; by thrashing it with a rattan. It was alleged that when the child was examined its body showed long wails. The case was adjourned.

An interesting souvenir of the International Opium Conference at Shanghai has been received by Mr. J. Leirin from one of the Portuguese delegates. It is a group photograph of all the representatives of the Powers. at the Conference. The various members are clearly distinguishable in the photo.

INVITATIONS haves been issued by the manage ing director and engineer-in-chiefof the Canton Kowloon Railway (Imperial Chinese Section for the 7th proxi on the occasion of an official wisit to the railway works and the laying of the foundation stone for the general offices and station building by H.E. Viceroy Chang.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Allos Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the hospitals :--

Dairy Farm Co., Ltd. 100

figures showing now it stood with trade between Cochin-China and the Philippines in 1008. The Colony, that year, exported to the islands articles to the value of \$7,094,409, of hours' stocks was passed on a coolie named which rice accounted for seven millions. The Cheng bhing to-day (22nd inst.), for purloining a Philippine statistics show that imports there pair of trousers, a vest, a pair of braces and a tin from the French Colony far exceeded in value

> LAM Po, a cook out of employment, was the defendant in a case in the Police Court, on the 24th inst. The complainant was Mak Wa. an cffics "boy," of 2, Padder Street, and he accused Lam of stealing his dulcimer on the toth inst. Lam visited complainant on that day and took away the musical instrument when he left,

> CHU YUNG, a partner in the Tak Cheong firm, was arraigned in the Police Court last Wednesday, to answern charge of alleged fraud, to which he entered a plea of not guilty. Chu, it would

On the 11th instant the Japanese House of Peers approved the Sugar Duty Re-imbursement Bill"after some debate. The Bill has THE steamer Fuyo-maru, owned by Mr. Harada now passed through both Houses and will be promulgated as a law in due course. The

Y50,000. Details of damage are not yet known. For banging an excise officer on the beach "because he was not attending to his own Wai, an accountant, Tsun Wing Chin, anthon appear, went in search of illicit opium. H found none, it was stated, but got a hammering

> A CHINESE washerwoman, whose duty took be on board the American battleships in harbous was found in possession of a gold watch an chain last Sunday, which were reported lost a few days ago. The articles were taken from one of the cabins of the Charleston. The words could not explain how she came in possession of the valuables, and on being charged wa fined \$50, the alternative being three months

YEUNG KWAI LEUNG, otherwise known, Yung Pak Sing, formerly a shroff in the emplo of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, has bee committed to take his trial at the next Crimina Sessions on a charge of embezzling the sum \$52,747.71, the property of the Bank. It was be remembered that the alleged embezzlemen was committed four years ago. The defendan was eventually traced to Shanghai from white polt be was extradited.

IN a letter, duted 26th inst, addressed to t prove of the amended regulations under secti 21 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 189 (No. 10 of 1899). I am to ask'you to conv. the thanks of this Chamber to His Excellen the Governor for his consideration of its vie in the matter.

THE Jopan Chronicle understands from Hocht that the amount of tax to be paid by t Dal Nippon Sogar Refining Company remai ing in arrear is Y4,500,000, the security he by the Government is now valued at on Y3,000,000. The Minister of Finance:1 decided to collect the difference by instalmen if the company can be assisted, recognisi that relief is hopeless if immediate payme is enforced. The negotiations for the relied the company are progressing very slowly.

Mining Office, has a scheme to export to Ja coal dust and coke produced by the min Office, as return cargo of sleamers, carry timber to China. The Tientein firm has accu ed a contract to supply 3,000 tons of coal a to the Kamaishi Iron Works, to be brought the leobe-mars by the and of this month. also a further supply on trial. This, is the instance of coal being imported into Japan

to Hongkong of the Third Pacine Squad U.S. Flest, It contains in handy form all doings of the Fleet during its sojourn. day he was sentenced by Mr. Wood to share a with numerous photographs and should form term of a year's imprisonment and to be exposed in injury days as interesting and tangible relies the socks for four hours. This was, as the miniscence for those was collect these records the pleasant memories.

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VANGUARD" LAUNCHKO

ADMIRALTY, H.M.S. Vanguard, the seventh of the Dread.

nought series, was launched at Barrow-in-

Furness yesterday, the naming coromony being performed by Mrs. Reginald McKenna, reports the Morning Leader of 23rd ult. The First Lord of the Admiralty was surrounded by the distinguished company, including representatives of many foreign navier, and Signal

the launch took place in the midst of the cus tomary picturesque ceremonial. The Vanguard has been built by Messes. Vickers, Son, and Maxim, and the launch, which was made the occasion of a public holiday, attracted a multitude of people, who occupied all the positions from which even the remotest view could be obtained.

BAFEGUARDS NECESSARY. In order that the pressure of the ships when the keel and bilge blocks had been removed should be reduced to safe limits, broadways were used. Further saleguards were introduced to hold the ship on her cradle until there was sufficient depth of water in the Walney Channel into which she could float.

Supplemental hydraulic power was utilised, so that besides the ordinary timber shores there were at two stages along the length of the ship hydraulic cylinders with rams,

After the usual brief religious ceremony, at a quarter to twelve, Mrs. McKenna touched a lever, and this liberated and broke a bottle of champagne against the huge bow of the vessel which she christened the Vanguard. On Mrs. McKenna touching another lever the dogshores were knocked away. The exciting and anxious moment of the launch had then arrived

For a brief space nothing seemed to happen. Then, amidst shouts from many voices of There sho goes !" the huge warship began to move, at first almost imperceptibly, but gradually gathering speed, and then she careered down the ways amidst a burriance of noise made by the friction of her own travelling and the hourse cheering of the multitude. " HIDDEN IN SPRAY.

The stern plunged into the water, rose as it. gained buoyincy a few seconds afterwards, and the vessel, now almost hidden under the spray she had tossed-up, fluated proudly into the Walney Chaonel—the latest and, to be, the best equipped warship in the British fleet.

She swung round with the tide into a line with the channel, and was taken in tow by four tugs. (These brought her to one of the fittingout basins of the company.

The Vanguard, was the first ship to pass through the enlarged entrance to the Buccleuch Dock, and thus her launch was also the informal opening of the important improvement which has been carried out by the Furness Railway Cumpany and the Vickers Company.

At a luncheon afterwards, given in the moulding shop, which was transformed into banqueting hall, Mr. T. E. Vickers, who presided, proposed the health of Mis. McKouns, and thanked her for performing the launching cere-

. In responding, the First Lord of the Admiralty said Mrs. McKenna was deeply grateful for their kindness in welcoming her and in assisting with her at the launch of this ship. She would like to ask them to accept a toast which, indeed, might be regarded as a complement of the toast to the success of the Vanguard-she would ask them to drink to the success of the firm of Messis, Vickors, Son and Maxim. (Cheers)... They knew at this time that the Admiralty had great dealings with Messrs Vickers and with one other firm of similar magnitude. In their usual relations with them the Admiralty were in the position of buyers and Messrs. Vickers were in the position of sellers. But the relations between them were far more cordial than the ordinary relations of com-

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ed from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water

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Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees risk No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in

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Agents. Hongkong, 24th March, 1909.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"BRISGAVIA."

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All Claims must be presented within ten-days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

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to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA'LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st of April, wil be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st of April, at 9.30 A.M. All Claims must reach us before the 4th of

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NEW MAYAL DEVELOPMENT.

Devonport, Feb. 24. The all gun Invincibles, with their tripod maste, mo e perhaps the most remarkable de velopment of the cruiser in modern times, and are of sprecent a date that it is hardly con ceivable that an even more unique change in naval shipbuilding is now taking place.

There was laid down at Devonport this afternoon, by Mrs. Cross, wile of the Admiral-Superintendent of the Dockyard, the first funnelless cruiser. Such an event could not take place without some ceremony, but it was of the quistest description, there only being present two or three Pressmen and photographers, in addition to the heads of the various departments of the estab. lishments and their wives. Under an awning decorated with flags lay the first keel-plate, specially painted red for the occasion, and about twelve feet in length. At each corner was a miniature flagstaff flying a tiny Union lack, and the plate bore the inscription, "H.M.S. Indefutigable, Laid down by Mrs C. H. Cross, February 23, 1909.

Under the direction of the constructive madager (Mr. A. E. Richards), Mrs. Cross thouched a lever, and the great plate glided from the temporary blocks upon which it had been lying to the keel-blocks. When this had been done a huge pneumatic rivetter was wung into position, and when it had beer xed over the hole into which the first rivet was to be placed Mrs. Cross secured the handles and steadily the rivet was driven home. Rach of the officials present then inserted a rivel, after which the first one was stamped with Mrs. Cross initials and the date.

No time is to be lost in the construction of the Indefallgable. A large amount of material has been collected round the ship, and it is expected that the double bottoms amidships and a good many of the ribs will be standing by the end of the week. The vessel is to be lauzched next October.

In some respects the Indefatigable will be similar to the Invincibles in that her armament and speed will be the same, but there the similarity practically ends. The Indefatigable will be 57oft. long, Soft. beam, 18,000 tons displacement, have 45,000 horse power, and, of course, 25 knots speed. She will possess two tripod masts, but, apart from her gun turrets and bridges, her upper deck will be as clear as was a sailing ship of the old days with her sails stowed away.

The most remarkable innovation, in the Indefatigable, and the one which will enable ber to be built without funnels, is the introduction of internal combustion engines as the propelling power. There is some talk of 13.5 in. guns as there was when the Collingwood and ber sister ships were laid down, but there is no fficial confirmation of any departure from the armament of the Incincibles." To enable the new ship to be constructed the building slip, which was only completed a few years ago, Has just been lengthened by 100 ft.

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The crown and diamond were taken to Buckingham Palace a few days ago, and the matter was discussed between the King, the Lord Chamberlain, Sir Douglas Dawson, and representatives of Messes, Garraid,

The feasibility of the plan having been shown, the court jewellers have been given his Majesty's commands to carry out the work.

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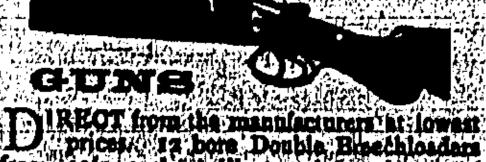
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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1909.

WHEN SHIPMASTERS ARE ARGUS-EYED.

After a lengthy examination in the Singapore Police Court, the skipper of the German Mail steamer Prinness Alice was convicted on the charge of being the "master of a ship used for the importation of opium," and fined \$500. This is by no means the first occasion on which we have deemed it stringency of the law which makes a ship- majority of cases must be outside his ken. misdeeds of others and imposes upon him when he has to be a navigator, society enter. responsibilities which would tax the wit of a tainer, bon vivant, lawyer, instructor in the wizard to shoulder. In this case, it may be principles of first aid, magistrate, parson, at Singapore from Shanghai and Hongkong, law for the smallest breach of the regulations the officers of the Opium Farm discovered of any of the numerous ports of call—not on-board some-1,440-tack of chandu, valued for glory or renown, or monetary reward at \$4,320, packed in boxes which had been but simply in the course of duty? The and placed quite openly in the baggage less liable to the slings and arrows of outroom by the baggage master. It should be trageous fortune, while his reward is proporunderstood that there was no attempt what- tionately greater. The sympathy of the ever at concealment, no thought of smug. general public will certainly go out to any gling on the part of those to whose charge master mariner who finds himself in difficulthe boxes containing the illicit drug had ties similar to those that befell Captain have made anything between £ 100 and been committed, and no idea of evading the Gosche. Fortunately, in this case, the cap. £300 per annum and sail found. The the lynx eyes of the Opium Farmer's representation had a magistrate endowed with common-Bentatives. So much was admitted by the sense to deal with but how often is the ter I ment that the plaintiff the lists be was a well-known fewburiter.

prosecution, but that did not exculpate the verse the case? Ven a \$500 fine is a heavy bandsome sum of £2,000 by way of damages captain from blame, nor did it lead the butden on a shipmaster, but from what passed against the railway company. All we would Court to forego the satisfaction of mulcling in Court there seems little doubt but that the say is that it is a good thing the jury did him in a substantial fine. All that it did was Norddeutscher Lloyd will assume the burden I not take into consideration, the amount of to lessen the penalty "which in consequence | and exonerate their captain from all the heartbreaking strain which had been borne of the presumption the law imposed upon the master." The facts were plainly set bear as the result of the foolish action of a common-sense in order to gratify their pride forth and the circumstance of the chandu subordinate member of his crew. When by increasing the "spontaneous" gratuities being on board clearly explained. While at | ship captains become Argus-eyed then per- | received by the stewards. Hongkong, on the voyage to the North, the | haps, they may succeed in observing all the chief steward of the Prinzess Alice received a | conditions of the law relating to the imnote from an acquaintance on another N. portation of opium. Up till now, Nature has D. L. vessel stating that he would receive | obviously lailed in her duty towards those

who have selected the sea as a profession. two boxes at Woosung for conveyance to Singapore. The boxes were to be sent ashore at Singapore and would be taken to THE STRWARD'S PERQUISITES. | tor. Raffles Hotel. The boxes were duly received from a Chinaman, but when they were landed at the Southern Settlement it was diswho had travelled across the Atlantic by one covered that they were leaking and the of the great liners wrote to the press indig- Harding. Raffles Hotel representative refused to have n:ly protesting against the universal system. anything to do with them: Accordingly they of tips in vogue, as a result of which the paswere taken on board again and placed in a position which was exposed to the view of cent., his views were endorsed by a chorus all comers. The boxes were leaking and of those who had gone through the same when the attention of the chief officer was experience. As might have been expectdrawn to the mess he expressed the opinion ed nothing came of the agitation to that the contents consisted of gambier while abolish the tipping of stewards and their another officer thought the tins contained satellites, mainly because there is a syrup. Nobody dreamt that they had opium moneyed section of humanity -which will on board, and, indeed, the witnesses de- always seek by the giving of gratuities clared that they would not know chandu if corrupt the morals of the stewards and they saw it, which is extremely probable, secure privileges to which they are not ac-One of the numerous bands of informers tually entitled, and indeed which are only who make a livelihood by haunting the obtained at the expense of other passengers wharves and surreptitiously inspecting whose purses are less expansive. Besides, ships' cargoes came on the scene, found it is generally understood that the wages of what he desired to find, informed the the stewards are arranged on a scale which Opium Farmer and the boxes were seized. presupposes their augmentation by the The Princess Alice had to be detained while benevolence of travellers. Anyone who has the ship's captain was being tried for importjourneyed from England to the Far Rast, ing illicit opium into the Settlement. To a or along the China coast, is well aware to certain extent it reads like a farce, or much what an extent this tipping system is carried. ado about nothing, but the consequences If a sieward does the slightest service to a might have been very serious had there been passenger it is assumed as a matter of the shadow of circumstantial evidence tendcourse that he is entitled to an honorarium. ing to suggest that there was any attempt to and few passengers dare to brave the glassy conceal the boxes. However, fortunately for eve and hard visage of the gentleman with those immediately concerned, there was the napkin by refusing to accede to the none. As the judge who tried the case unuttered demand. So far as the man of said:—" Would the baggage master, if he means is concerned, the system of rewarding had any suspicion that the cases held opium, those who have gone to any special trouble have received them back from the hotel runto mitigate his sufferings en voyage, and to ner? and having thus received them back, relieve him of the usual discomforts of shipwould either he or the steward, if they knew board life, may be deemed admirable, and of the illegality of their conduct, have still the additional outlay forms but a small allowed them, or traces of them, to remain within the eye of every one on board, thereto spend on the trip. But many of those by endangering themselves? The answer to coming to the Far East are young striplings both those questions seemed to be in the who have left home for the first time negative." The magistrate proceeded very with thinly-lined pockets and a capital con sensibly to remark that the ordinance laid sisting mostly of high hopes of what the down that the presumption against the future will bring them. To them t accused in such cases might be rebutted by proof of reasonable precaution. For the nurpose of such proof, it seemed too much to require the captain to acquaint his subordinates with the revenue and excise laws of every port at which they might touch. led to understand, were paid to serve him. Another point which prepossessed the Court Of course it is all false pride which leads a in favour of the master was the fact that the young man, new to His Majesty's dominions vessel was a mail steamer plying between beyond the seas, to ape the lordly air of the China and Europe and not a vessel excluseasoned taipans who can afford to dispense sively employed on the China coast, so that largesse with a prodigal hand. But tradition there was less reason to believe that she would has it that the stewards must be tipped, and engage in the traffic of smuggling opium who is he that he should fly in the face of cs. and consequently less cause for special pretablished custom even if it means immediate cautions being taken to guard against such embarrassment the moment he sets foot on a contingency. 'But the law is inexorable on shore? And so the stewards continue to wax the subject of opium; it is probably stricter fat at the expense of fledglings, who have not and more drastic in its operation than the sense to keep their hands in their pockets the law dealing with attempted manslaughter. and ignore the insinuating suggestions of It holds the captain and his officers responthose who have rendered them the service slble for the regular inspection of the paswhich would have been given in any case. It sengers' baggage and the character of the is not astonishing, then, that there is never cargo. How many passengers would tamely any lack of applicants for the post of steward submit to the ordeal of having their personal on any of the overseas liners, or that the meagie belongings searched by the seamen on board: pay is regarded as any deterent. From a mail steamer, their trinkets, nick-nacks, what transpired in the course of an action in odds and ends of merely sentimental value, London the other day it is perfectly clear exposed to the scorn of the vulgar eye and that if any of the larger steamship companies the jibes of the ribald tongue? As Captain offered no pay whatever they would still be Gosche said, if they started that game, they inundated with applications for the coveted would soon have no passengers at all, which post of saloon steward. In the action reis a perfectly reasonable deduction. With ferred to, the plaintiff was formerly a steward regard to the cargo, in how many instances in the service of the P. & O. Company, and could it be said that the appearance of the boxes was calculated to breed suspicion? ern Railway for injuries received in a rail-Nevertheless there is the law, as ironbound and precise as the mind of man can make Park in November, 1957. Among the and charged at the Police Court, this morning, it. As if the difficulties of navigating a greatwitnesses called was another steward who with the offence. Like a plucky chap he would has lately been attracting the attention of the liner, appearing the petulance of pernackity passengers, and maintaining that regularity Company and his revelations should open the magistrate, and the case was remanded to really belongs to China. It is reported that of routine essential to safe running and strict the eyes of passengers, whose generosity is allow the police to find them. discipline were not enough, the captain is only limited by the depth of their wallets, | 100 necessary to animadvert on the extreme held responsible for matters which in the His wakes, he stated, amounted to the inconsiderable sum of £3 a month, but on master, the vicarious sufferer for the. Who would be a shipmaster in these days, a single voyage he had received as much as £40 in the way of tips. That was when he occupied the position of first-class steward. but before he was promoted from second class recalled that when the Prinsess Alice arrived liable to all the pains and penalties of the his "takings" were by no means insignifihad made as little as £13, but he always reckoned on averaging a respectable sum, On Saturday last, owing to the partnership received by the chief steward at Shanghai scullery boy holds a happier position and is made £20, £30, £40 and even £50 extra

consequences which he was called upon to by immature youths who had pawned their.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

AMONG the items in the orders of the day, for the meeting of the Sanitary Board, on Tuesday, is a complaint against a sanitary inspec-

Mr. R. A. Harding, the solicitor, who has been Some months ago when an irate passenger | away from the Colony on leave, returned the other day. He was accompanied by Mrs.

A CARPENTER, Ho Cheung, was given three months' hard labour by Mr. J. H. Kemp to-day sage money was increased by some fifty per, for stealing fourteen metal taps from the Naval Yard yesterday.

> MR. A. R. Abbas, of the Ordoance Department son of the late Mr. G. Abbas, wishes it to be understood that he is not related to the A. R Abbas whose case was reported in yesterday's

An additional rate of 8 per cent. per annum. take effect from 1st day of July, 1929, is to be levied on the villagers of Chai Wan in coase quence of the destruction of trees in that place and its neighbourhood.

MR. F. A. Hareland, Hongkong's well-known magistrate, returned yesterday from home where he has been spending his boliday. Me Hezeland is in the best of health, and hopes to resume his magisterial duties soon.

WITH the return of Mr. Hazeland from leave, some changes are expected to take place at the Magistracy. It is whispered that Mr. Hazeland will go as first police magistrate, Mr. J. H. Kemp will revert to the small Court, while Mt. J. R. Wood will once again see the Registrar-General's department.

DEPORTERS, numbering forty-nine, were landed in the Colony yesterday, The steamer-Tjilaijanbrought forty-one from the Dutch East Indies, and eight by the Glenogle from Singapore. On arrival Detective Sergeant Geo. Watt had their finger-prints taken, and this morning most of the men were returned home....

AT the forthcoming general meeting of shareholders of the Mercantile Bank of India, item in the total sum he is prepared Limited, the directors will recommend a dividend of 6% per anoum on 'A. & B.' shares free of income tax; that £40,000 be added to the reserve fund (raising it to £250,000), £2,000 added to the officers' pension fund and £25,300 be carried forward.

THE master of the German s.s. Petchaburi stewards' "fees" are nothing less that reports that on the toth inst. he sighted the iniquitous and many a youngster landing in | wreck of a small sailing ship with 4 feet of her Singapore or Hongkong has found himself. bow showing above water. Wreck lies on botcleaned out even to his last copper after he tom, in 15 fathoms with Palo Obi Lighthouse has met the claims of those who, he had been | bearing E. 4 S. (Mag.) 8.8 miles distant :- Latitude, 8° 26' 7" N. Longitude, 104° 39' 6" E. Wreck lies right in track of vessels running between Bangkok and Pulo Obi, and is dangerous to shipping.

> SUSPECTING that the master of a fishing-boat then anchored off Lautso Island, was in the habit of fishing with explosives, Police Sergeant Gordon, of Cheung-chau Police Station, paid a susprise visit to the boat last night. Behind the small joss house at the stern of the craft he discovered two tins of dynamite. The junk master was arrested on a charge of being in possession of explosives without a permit, and in the Police Court, this morning he was

A CHINESE doctor, who had only taken unto bimself a wife three days ago, has evidently discovered what married life really means. He and his better half were charged in the Police Court, this morning, with fighting in the public street. The medical man said that his wife had all his clothing and money and he could not get them. The woman denied this. She alleged that her husband had throatened to kill her many times. They were both bound over to keep the peace.

A number of school boys, becoming annoyed with an Indian policemen, who had interfered with their game of "pitch and toss," in Hospital Road yesterday afternoon, opened hostili-. he claimed damages from the Great North- ties. They pelted the uniformed man with stones and mud until, as the officer said later, way accident which occurred near Finsbury he "felt faint." One of the bays was arrested had been employed by the P. & O. not disclose the names of his comrades to general public, who are doubtful whether it

RACE PONY SHOT.

BARTHQUAKE DAYS ENDED

Frequeniers of the turf will learn with some regret of the death of the well-known race pony Earthquake, which came about yesterday morning. Owned jointly by Mesars, H. P. cant. He confessed that on one voyage he White and W. S. Dupree, Easthquake proved. Lhimself to be a racer at the last race meeting. and, as a matter of fact, he admitted that he | being dissolved, he was sold and purchased by Lieut, Price. Since then the pony developed some internal disease, which proved to be Superintendent of the Railway. in the year. His record was £94 in tips on two voyages. Who would not be a ship's uncurable, and had to be destroyed, as already steward at that rate? For handing round the stated, yesterday morning. Standing over twelve hands, Earthquake was the wideer of soup and cleaning out the cabins the steward many races. In 1907 he won the Pagoda Cup whose evidence was not disputed seems to at Shanghal, last year he ran second to hone iury was so impressed by the witness state-

DBPARTURE OF TRE U.S. FLEET.

LETTERS OF THANKS FROM THE ADMIRALS.

Prior to the departure, which took place this morning of the U.S. Third Pacific Squadron, Sir Paul Chater, the chairman of the Ku- message in connection with the Pratae Island tertainment Committee, received letters from. both the American and the French admirals, thanking him and the Hongkong public for the China's sovereign rights by the Japanese. hospitality shown towards the men of the fleets during their stay in these waters. The letters are appended :--

ADMIRAL HARBER'S THANKS, Office of Third Squadron Commander, United States Pacific Feet, U.S.S. Charleston, Flagship, Hongkong, China, March 26, 1909.

My Dear Sir, -On the eve of sailing, and bide ding farewell to Hongkong and its hospitable people, I feel that I must say a word to those who have extended to us such a courtepus and heartfelt welcome, and who, not content with that, have made special efforts to make us enjoy every hour of our stay, whether affoat or ashore. word and deed has borne the stamp of what particular do we feel grateful for the splendid manner in which the enlisted force has been

taken into, your hearts and minds. The hospitality extended to them; the courtesy shown | carelessuess, is responsible for his ragged apto them throughout, the friendly competition pearance. An old jacket and a pair of pants in sports, the special care paid to the inner half way up to his knees, a European hat, the man, as well as the outer, have comented top of which he carefully varnished to ensure friendships which, I think, will live for ever, and, like a good tree, will bring for the good fruit for all time.

I beg to thank you and your co-workers who have achieved such a splendid success. We thank also all the people of Hongkong, Army, Naval and Civil, who have made our visit so delightful and made us feel really sad in parting. Please convey, in such manner as you may deem best, the sincere thanks of the officers and men of our little Squadron to those who have given so many bright pages in our book of life.

With the sincere bope that the friendships made may be renewed many and many times.

in the future, I remain, Sincerely and gratefully yours,

> GILES B. HARBER. Rear-Admiral, U.S. Navy, Commander of Third Squadron, U.S. Pacific Pleet.

Sir Paul Chater, -Chairman of Entertainment Committee, ... Hongkong, China.

> ADMIRAL PERRIN'S MESSAGE A bord du D'Entrecasteaux,

Hongkong, le 20 mars 1909. Monsieur le President-Avant de quitter Hongkong, je tiens a vous exprimer nos bien get away. vifs remerciements pour l'aimable seception que vous avez bien voulu nous faire en nous associant aux fetes données en l'honneur de Collar, l'escadre americaine. Croyez bien que nous emporterons le meilleur souvenir de notre pass. age a-Hongkong et que nous serons toujours heuroux'd'y revenir.

Venillez agreer, Monsieur le President, les assurances de ma haute consideration. CONTRE AMIRAL L. PERRIN:

MATALITY AT QUARRY BAY.

BOILERMAKER INSTANTLY KILLED,

An accident, with fatal results, took place in the Quarry Bay Shipyard yesterday, a boilermaker named Ho Ping Cheung being killed almost instantly.

At about two o'clock in the afternoon, four men, including the deceased, were at work under a crane o be correct they were all engaged in hammering a flange. While this was going on somebody shifted the arm of the crane, which parted from its socket immediately over the workmen.

on the deceased's head, fracturing his skull, The unfortunate man died before any attempt could be made to attend to his injuries. Inspector Cameron, at the Shau-ki-wan Police Station, was notified of the accident on the telephone, and the remains of the boilermaker were removed to the morgue for burial.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

PRATAS ISLAND AFFAIR.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Commodores Wong Yan Tong and Lum

Cauton, 26th March.

Kwok Cheung have again, been detailed by H. B. Viceroy Chang to proceed on board the cruiser Klang To to Tung Sha, which island the two Commodores have been given instructions to summon all the Chinese fishing lunk | saves Mak Sze !! people in the locality and to collect every possible information with regard to their alleged expulsion from the island and the destruction of the old Chinese temples there by the Japanese. The officials are further commanded to prepare detailed particulars in order to commence negotiations with the Japanese Consul.

CANTON-HANKOW BAILWAY.

The differences among the shareholders of the Catton-Hankow Rallway are still proceeding and telegrams have been exchanged between the Nine Charitable Institutions and the Seventy-two Guilds and H.R. Chang Chih-tung.

CHINA'S BORROW.

On the 1st day of this moon, owing to the incessant rain in the course of the last few | about the dog replies that it is in the street wanks, the embankments of the Laung Task and sends the questioner to go and find Wal in the Nambol district gave way to the enticipation of floods:

PRATAS ISLAND ARRAIR

ACTION BY CHINESE IN THE STRUTS

We learn that the Chinese residents in the Straits Settlements bave telegraphed to the Chipese Press Association in Hongkong a affair. The telegram urges the vernacular press to protest against the alleged ancreachment on

"SLY JIM"

STORY OF A DOG THAT NEVER RETURNED,

Mak Eze is a rascal of the darkest dye. There is no apology to make for him. He has none to offer himself. Mak, who is also known as "Sly Jim," due, no doubt, to his "mysterla ous ways, is of the young age of sixty-nine. He stands about five feet two in his socks, when he wears them, and that is very seldom To look at "Jim" for once means, never to forget him. His figure is not what one would call beautiful, but notwithstanding his years he carries himself well. Nobody would call "Jim" "good-looking," for he is not. He is, so to speak, We all feel most deeply gratefullfor every a "bag of bones," His prominent cheek bones, hiscrimpediace, and his bony hands-all these can best be termed as "Brotherly Love." In go to show that "Jim's "youthful days was not spent in idlaness.

> Years gone by "Jim" used to be a " swell," but his old age, coupled with non-loakage, comprised his rig out. Once he was seen wearing a European coat, a high. collar and a tie on his bare skin, and a Bowler hat. That was not his doing, It was the work of a police-constable, who has a sense of humour. But for all that ! Jim ! has always the smile of happiness on his physiognomy. That was " Jim " to the letter.

"Jim" in his younger days was reputed to have been a man of some means, Youthful indiscretions have brought him gradually down the ladder to the position he now retains, and will retain until the end of the world-if he lives that long-and that is, doing odd jobs for the police.

About a week ago, or it might have been more, a man called at a certain police station in the Colony. A dog of uncertain breed, but no doubt with a pedigree as long as your arm followed him at the end of a cord affixed to its loose collar.

"Good morning, officer," said the gentleman, "I've brought a dog to be destroyed. He is getting too old now."

The officer examined the alleged wonk very carefully, and told the stranger that if he left it with him he would see that the dog was shot-"But," said the officer, still eyeing the pedigree, "isn't his collar too loose? He might

The gentleman acquiesced, and left while the officer took in another hole in the dog's

Returning to his desk, theofficer made out the slaughter dog " chit, and " Sly Jim," who was found basking in the sunshing and smoking a long pipe, was given the job to take the animal to the pound. ' Jim ", examined the dog critically and, taking the chit from the inspector. started out for the pound. Everything had ended so far as the dog was corcerned, the officer believed. But it was not to be so.

A couple of hours later "Jim " walked into the charge room very bashfully. His yellow face had now changed to a different colour and the perspiration dripped down his face in large beads. He handed the inspector the collar, and said, somewhat Jerkily, perhaps, due to loss of breath, that the dog had slipped his head through the leather and 1 of away !

The collar was examined, and found to have been "fixed." Instead of the pla being in the hole where the inspector had put it, it appeared three notches lower down.

"I don't care what you say," said the inspector, making believe he was appoyed: "You've. The arm, which weighed about 12 cwt., fell-been fingering the collar. Go and get back. the dog or else there is going to be trouble."

"lim" swore red, white and blue that he had not touched the collar, and left the station looking very indignant. He returned half an hour later, but without the dog, "All right," said the inspector to himself,

"if the dog has got away it will surely return to his mester and we will hear from him again," "Jim " disappeared, and was not seen any more that day. Towards the evening one of "Jim's" part-

ners in the "odd job trade " dropped in at the; station to see what jobs were about. His face. was unusually red, and he exhibited some sign; of inebriation. It was a dull hour and the inspector drew him into conversation. "What thing, Fung?" he asked.

"Abl" said the hilarious one, "Ahl Too. muchee eamship, too muchee chow."!!!! "Aye-yab! What thing so good makes chow this aftersoon?" queried the inspector.

"Abl too muches good chow. I chow too muchee; now only can walkee ein-siu. You

The inspector nodded, and commenced to thick things,

"Mak Sze welly good-man," Fung proceeded, little knowing how Mak was being impeached, "welly good man. To-day, you savee, he makee catchee one welly big Rulopean dog "---

Fung stopped a while to breathe, and the inspector "savesd" a thing or three He makes bring home one welly good dog: welly fat; too muches besby Dog, Mak and my makes killum. Wally good disper to-day.

Likes some?" And Fung, very much pleased with himself, burst out laughing, Ilm still denies the accusation vigorously but a change has overcome him lately. He now wears a hang-dog look and when asked

in the Champions at Ampy, and was also the lexisor of over a hundred feet but no serious AT the meeting of the Sanitary Board on The winder of the Victoria Stakes in Ropgkopg iplury was done to the inhabitants. The work | day, a letter from Government relative to the during that year, while at the gymlbana meet. of reconstinction is being proceeded with in secretaryable and principal clarkship. Banitary Deptriment will be comidered to the

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

OPIUM SMOKERS.

DRASTIC MEASURES PROPOSED.

[By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 26th March.

The Empress Downger is in favour of dealing with opium-smokers with a firm hand and has given instructions that all opium-smokers within the Palace should be amenable to punishment as if for disobedience of Imperial commands.

The order has caused much agitation amongst the people in the Palace.

H.E. HSU SHI-CHANG

ACCEPTS PRESIDENTSHIP OF MINISTRY.

[By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 26th March. H.E. Hau Shi-chang, Vicercy of the Three Eastern Provinces, is now willing to take up the appointment as president of the Ministry of Posts and Communications.

CHINESE IN JAVA. QUESTION OF NATURALIZATION.

[By courtesy of the " Shoung Po."].

Peking, 26th March. The Chinese Minister to the Netherlands has telegraphed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advising that the Dutch Government has agreed to modify the proposed law regarding the compulsory naturalization of Chinese residents in Dutch Colonial possessions

JAPAN AND CHINA.

REFERENCE TO THE-HAGUE,

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 26th March. The Waiwupu will submit to The Hague Conference all questions pending between China and Japan regarding Manchuria.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has notified the Japanese Ministerin Peking to that effect.

> BRITISH NAVAL IN-STRUCTORS

INQUIRY BY CHINA. [By courtery of the "Skeung Po."]

Peking, 26th March. The Central Government has telegraphed to Lord Li Ching-fong, the Chinese Minister to the Court at St. James, to ascertain the addresses of the British Naval Instructors who had been engaged by China before.

Lord Li was directed to inquire if the British officers would be willing to accept service with China as formerly.

CHINESE ABROAD. CENSUS TO BE TAKEN.

By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."].

Peking, 26th March. The Waiwupu and the Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce have telegraphed to the Ministers accredited to Chinese foreign countries asking for returns as to the number of Chinese residents in each country and their respective occupations.

ANTI-OPIUM CAMPAIGN. REDUCTION OF ABOLITION PERIOD,

1 By courtery of the " Sheung Po!

Peking, 26th March. It is reported that the period within which the opium habit thall be abolished has been shortened to the first day of the first, moon of the

All persons found dealing in opium thereafter shall be amenable to punishment as if they were selling arms claudestinely.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY SCHEME

FURTHER CHINESE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subscriptions continue to be collected by the Chinese sub-committee from among their compatriots towards the endowment fund of the proposed Hongkong University. The first two lists, already detailed in their colmuns, aggregated \$66,200. With the donations subscribed on the 25th and 26th inst., the amount has been brought up to \$77,200. The unacknowledged contributions were as follows:-Airendy acknowledged.....\$66,200

Wang Hing (jewellers)...... 3,000 Man On Insurance Co. 1,000 Po On Insurance Co. 1,000 Kwan Now Hong Tang Chi-ngong 5co Chiu Chau-sam......500 Man Cheong-yuen 5:0 Ma Ying-piu 500 Kwong Man cheong 500 Tak Shing Hong ... Wo Cheong (Gold Leaf Shop) ... Wong Iu-tung Lam Heung-lun Lo. Koon-ting 500

FAULIY PARTY WALL.

Total,...77.200

'NO PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN.

Judgment was delivered by the Puisne Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) in the Supreme Court, in the action brought by the Fong Kee Trading Company, of 35, Queen's Road Central, against G. Bertelone to recover the sum of \$.71/26 being damages alleged to have been sustained by plainliffs by water leaking into their pre

His Lordship came to the conclusion that no precautionary measures had been taken by th desendant. He did not take any steps whereby any leakage into the plaintiffs' godowns could have been stopped, and consequently he was responsible Judgment was entered for the

plaintiffs for \$145.21 and costs. The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. H. K. Holmes, while Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messis. Wil kinson and Grist, represented the defence.

MIIKE HARBOOR WORKS.

FUTURE CENTRE OF COAL DISTRIBUTION. Through the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha we have received an interesting brochure telerring to the new harbour works at Mikawa village, Milke province, which have been constructed by the Mitsui Mining Company in order to facilitate the export of coal from the Milke colliery which belongs to the company. It may be noted that the Mitsui Mining Company is one of the three principal branches of the well known business firm of Mitsul, '. While the new harbour works were primarily intended for the expeditious handling of coal, provision has been made for dealing with general cargo, the necessary equipment and accommodation for vessels having been laid down The harbour will shortly be connected by s railway of two miles to Ohnoura station, which is almost the centre of the Kiushu Railway system, and thus it has every promise of becoming one of the greatest distributing centres of . Japan. The Milke coal mines comprise an ares of 16,000 acres of roughly 25 square miles, and a bulk of more than 1,400,000 tuns of Japan coal is mined at present under the most modern systems. Milke coal is well known in the Far East as a standard coal, on account of its high calorific power, and all important steamship lines have contracted for this coal for bunkering their steamers in Asiatic waters, In the booklet from which these facts are gathered a description is given of the harbour works, their dimensions and capacity. Sailing directions, which should be in the hands of master mariners, together with the Mirke hatbour regulations, are also included. The pamphlet

WELL-MERITED PUNISHMENT. SERIOUS ASPERSIONS CAST ON POLICE

contains a series of maps on the same subject.

With the object of saving his own skin, an Indian watchman, who was charged in the Police Court, this morning, with behaving in a disorderly manner in Ship Street last night, made a serious accesation against a policeofficer, which he failed to prove,---

OFFICER.

Police-constable Wilson gave evidence to the effect that while on duty in Ship Street last night, he saw the defendant trying to force his way into one of the houses. He approached the man and told him to desist. "I'm a gentieman,"-the Indian fetoned, "and have plenty of money. Go away yourself."- Again he continued to hammer at the door, and was arrested On the way to the station the police-officer was

struck several timesonthe .. brwithan umbrella. To Transfer fees The defendant denied that he was drunk, He went to Ship Street, he said, to collect some money. In the house referred to were a num. ber of sailors and Policeman Wilson, who held a glass containing some liquor in his hand The policeman was drunk and while taking defendant to the lock-up staggered consider-

Mr. Kemp (to P.O. Wilson)-Is that 40?-No. your Worship, 👑 "I don't believe his story," continued Mr.

the contrary." Policeman Glendinning stated that he took part in removing the defendant to the station, Policeman Wilson was not intoxicated, but the

Kemp, "but I would like to hear evidence to

delendant was. His Worship, addressing the defendant, said that there was no question that he was drunk and disorderly. In his defence he had cast some serious expersions on a police officer. which had no foundation in fact, and which was a serious matter. He would pay a fine of

THE CHINA TRADERS INSUR-

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the forty-third ordinary meeting to be held at the company's offices at 12,30 p.m. on Wednesday, the zist prox., is as follows:--

holders a balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities, of the company on the 31st December, 1908, and a statement of accounts to the same date.

dividend of \$3 per share and the bonus of 20% to contributors passed at the last annual meeting there remains a balance of \$359,911.42 at

proprieted as follows:-

An addition to the reinsurance fund . of £8,000 @ exchange 1/8 13/16 92,252.25

the account for the year 1907... 231,650.17

19:8 Account.—The balance of working ac-360.76 as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$3 tributors, absorbing about \$125,000 and tha the remainder be carried forward.

Since the last general meeting the directors have had to deplore the death on the and October last of Mr. C. Brodersen. Mr. J. A Plummer has resigned his seat and Mr. G Friesland of Messrs. Melchers & Co., Mr. C. S. Gubbay of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., Mr. A Forbes of Messrs Bradley & Co., and Mr. H.A. Siebs of Messrs. Siemssen & Co., have joined the Board. Their appointments will be submitted for the confirmation of shareholders. Messi C. R. Leazmann and W. Helms retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe, who offer themselves for re-election.

E. ORMISTON,

DECEMBER, 1918.

To Capital 74,000 shares of \$83,33 each \$2,000,000 upon which \$15 per share called and paid Roserve fund :-

Silver \$820,00 1.20 Sterling ... £5,000= 57,657.66 To Unclaimed bonus and dividend in Exchange fluctuation account Working account 1907, bilance

Underwriting suspense ac-Sundry creditors

68,119.73 -\$3,376,605,01 Cash on current account at Cash on deposit with Banks in Hongkong and Shanghai ... Amount invested in mortgages, debentures and other securi. ties in Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama 1,273,199.80 Amount invested in London.

v z :--Deposited in B'ks £74,000 0.0 Leaseholdproperty 21,767 to o Travanchie Tea Estate Co..... 1,000 0.0 £95,767 10 0 - 1,115,877.49

Amount invested in Australia. viz. :--Deposited in Banks £4,000 0 0 Other investments 3,190 0 0

. Amount at debit of branches and agencies Sundry debtors Bills receivable

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1907, ON 318T DECEMBER, 19:8. To Nett premium 2,159,517.75 To Interest..... By Agency commissions.....\$, 66,389.69 Head office, branches and

agency charges'.... Remuneration to directors, committees and auditors ... Losses and claims paid.... ... 1,375,332.81 Retiring allowance in Australinen er 1,740,262.50

Bonus of 20 % paid to contributors Interim dividend of \$3 per share erreries erreites erreites Balance 359,911,42

\$ 2,299,746 55 WORKING ACCOUNT, 1908, OM SIRT DECEMBER, 1908.

3y Agency commissions, 5 51,185.18 By Head offices, branches and Bgancy charges,..... 231,125.79 By Remuneration to directors,

committees and auditors, 11,659.61 y I osses and claims paid. 780,910.58 By Balance, 1,149,360.70 2,204,252.02

Sterling exchange taken at is. 8 13/16d. C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary

COMMERCIAL. WEBKLY SHARB REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on the 26th March :-

Our market has been distinctly weaker since we last wrote, and the amount of business transacted has been on a more limited scale. Banks.-Hongkong and Shanghui Banks seem to have reached the top, after their long continued rise, and now show a slight tendency to weaken, shares being obtainable at \$930, and the probability of a lower rate being accepted. The London rate is unchanged at

Marine Insurances .- Cantons are still inquired for at \$1871. North Chinas are firmer at Tis. 100, after reported sales at the rate. .Unions have strengthened on the announcement of a larger dividend (viz. final of \$17 for 1507, and interim of \$30 for 1908, making in all \$47 per share) and business has been done at \$845 and \$350. Yangtsies have buyers at \$215, according to latest mail advices from the -North-

Fire Insurances-China Fires have receded to \$107, at which rate they can be sold. Hongkong Fires have been dealt in at \$315 and close in demand.

Shipping.-China and Manifes are out favour and offering at \$81 after sales at \$9 The report and annual statement of the general managers of this company for the year ending 31st December, 1908, has just been issued to shareholders. The loss on working is \$12,045.54 and after payment of interest and other charges there remains a debit balance of \$21,538.25 to be carried forward to next year's account. Douglases have improved to \$35, and are wanted. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats continue in demand at \$291, but none are obtainable at the rate." Shell Transports have further buyers at 54/-.

Refineries.—China Sugars have been dea in at \$1371, closing steady. Luzons are quiet and without business to report. Mining.-Chinese Engineerings are wanted

in the North at Tls. 181. Raubs have sellers

Docks, Wharves and Godowns, -Kowloor Whatfs have declined to \$49, after small sale at \$51, closing with sellers at the former rate Whampoa Docks have been a very weak market, and sales at as low as \$78 are reported. They appear, however, to be a little firmer at the close, and could probably be placed at \$80. Shanghai Docks have been sold in the North Investment fluctuation account - 63,541.49 at the reduced rate of Tis. 85. Hougkew "359,917.42" Wharls are easier at Tls. 166 ex the final divid-Working account 1908, balance 1,149,360:76 end of Tis. 6 per-share paid in Shanghai on any case whatever. 200,426.14 the 22nd inst. after sales at the rate.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings. - Anglo-French Lands are steady at Tis. 102. The directors' report for the year ending 28th February, 1909, issued to shareholders of the company, shows a balance at credit of profit and loss account of Tis. 134,935.33, inclusive of Tis. 6,531.43 brought forward from last year, It is proposed to appropriate same as follows-To pay a dividend of Tis. 6 per share, absorbing Tis. 120,000, depreciation and renewals account Tis. 10,000 write off debenture discounts Tis 611;19, and carry forward the balance of Tls. 4.314 14 to next year's account. Hongkong Hotels have weakened to \$84 and can be obtained at the rate. Hongkong Lands have strengthened to \$100 after sales at \$99. Sales of Humpbreys Estates have been effected in small lots at \$8.65 Shanghai Lands have appreciated to Tis. 1174 at which price they are wanted.

Cotton Mills,--Hongkong Cottons are obtainable at \$9. Ewos have declined to Tli. 115. but there are buyers at the rate. According to latest advices by mail, the quotations of other Northern Mills are as follows :- Internationals Tis. 92, Lau Kung Mows Tis. 103, and Soy Chees Tis.360.

-Miscellaneous,-China Borneos have changed hands at Stat, and there are further inquiries. Hongkong Blectrics are in request at \$184. but none are obtainable at the price. There are sellers of Hongkong Ices at the reduced rate of \$190. Walsons are wanted at \$9 and William Powells at \$11. In the North, Langkats have buyers at Tis. 7871, while Sumatras have been sold at Tis. 130.

Exchange,-The Bank's selling rate on London is 1/84 on demand. The T/T rate or Shanghai is 75.

"Dividends Payable.—Green Island Cements -final of 50 cents for 1908, payable on the 742.80 3rd April. China Borneos -dividend of \$1,20 per share for 1908, payable on the 5th April, Anglo-French Lands-dividend of Tis, o per share payable on the and April. Yangteres-Final of \$12 for 1907 and interim of \$3 for a/c" 254,437.23 1908, making in all \$15 per share, payable in Shanghai on the 7th April: Unions-Final of \$17 for 1907, and interim of \$30 for 1908, making in all \$47 per share payable on the 31st April.

> Forward Settlements,-The following dates bave been fixed by the Stockbrokers' Association of Hongkong for Forward Settlements:-Maich Settlement 30th March.

30th April. gist May, 20th June. solb July. 30th August.

A CHINESE woman was victimized in Queen's Road last night. She was attacked by a coolie,

To-dan's Advertisements.

NOTICE

I No conformity, with Article Min of the General Regulations of the Chinese Pilotage Service, a Board of Appointment will hold a competitive examination at the Harbour Master's Office, Canton, at to A.M., and April 1909, to fill one vacancy for a PILOT in the Canton Pilot Service.

Only those who have served an Apprenticeship are eligible for appointment.

FRANK HARRIS, Acting Deputy Coast Inspector and Harbour Master. Custom House,

Harbour Master's Office. Cauton, 26t') March, 1909. Approved: PAULH, KING, Commissioner of Customs,

Canton.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION. FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

SATURDAY, the 3rd April, 1909, at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road,

comer of Ice House Street, A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE CURIOS

Comprising :-

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Catalogues will be issued. TERMS :- As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Hongkong, 27th March, 1909. NOTICE-TO-CONSIGNEES,

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ, COLOMBO

AND STRAITS. vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are

being landed and placed at their risk in the on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, Accounts, to 3181 December, 1908, and of deand delivery can be obtained as soon as the claring dividends, &c.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Goods not cleared by the 2nd April, at

4 P.M., will be subject to rent." No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE. appointed hour,

"All claims must be presented within ter days of the steamer's arrival here after whichdate they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 26th March, 1909.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD. are Specializing in a Line of

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On and after 1st April, we will make no extra charge for cash purchases in small money. riongkong, 27th March, 1909.

SALE OF ART COLLECTION.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED.

We would draw the attention of our readers to the sale of the late Mr. A. P. Marty's valuable collection of works of art by public auction next Monday and on the following day. The late gentleman's taste, as a connoiseur is well known, and those who take an interest in valuable ching and other household embellishments of the same character can rest assured that they will be afforded an opportunity of purchasing articles of exceptional value. The collection includes vases of various description, china bronze, jade and ivories, carved livery figures, cloisonne ware and a handsome set of household furniture. House-holders should not miss this opportunity of adding to their family collection and should certainly be able to effect a few good bargains on Monday and on who spatched a gold ring from her par, and the day following. If the members of the fair decamped. The this was pursued and capture sex miss some of the good things, it will be ed after a long chase. He was charged in the ! through no fault of the auctioneer, Mr. Geo. P.

Public Companies.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

HE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MRETING of the MEMBERS will be held at the CITY HALL on WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, 1909, at 5:30 P.M. Sir HENRY BERKELEY, K.C., Chairman of

the Association, will preside, A. R. LOWE.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909."

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY AN-NUAL MEETING of the SHARE. BULDERS in the Company will be held in the Office of the General Managers, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 3rd day of april, 1909, at 11.50' o'clock A.M., lor the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December. 1908, declaring a dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLUSED from SATURDAY, 27th March, until SATURDAY, 3rd April, 1909. both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Manageri. Eongkong, 23rd March, 1909.

THE CHINA & MANILA STRAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

L GENERAL MEETING of SHARE. 12OLUERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, at. George's unilding, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 3rd, April, 1939, at Noun, for the purpose of receiving a statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Confession Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKs of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, to SATURDAY, the 3rd April, both days inclusive.

.. SHEWAN, TUMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1904.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TOBSHAREHOLDERS. JOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY. SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEET. Consignees of Cargo by the above-named 'ING of the Society will be held at its Head office, No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report. of the Directors, together with Statements, of

> The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLUSED from 1th April to the 21st

April, both days inclusive.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1909.

By Order of the Board, C MONTAGUE EDE.

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OTICE is hereby given that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the

21st April, 1909, 21'12'30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th April to the

21st April, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE. Secretary,

Bongkong, 26th March, 1909.

Intimations.

COLD STURAGE. THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD. have now 40,000 Cubic feet of COLD STORAGE available at EAST POINT, Stores will be Open at to A.M. and 4 F.M. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver

G. K. HAXTON,

Pongkong, lth January, 1909.

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NOTICE

AR, LI HON FAN, a Chiveso graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants, in this Colony for over ten years.

He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. -Those who intend learning the Chinese

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THINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.

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THE OFFICE OF ... TRUSTER EXECUTOR OF WILLS. ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed. SHRWAN, TOMES & CO.

General Managers ongroup, ton March, toof,

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\$25, or go to gaol for two mouths. The fine was paid

ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Board has now to lay before the share-

1907 Account.—After payment of the interim

per annexed statement. The Board recommends that this sum be ap-

A fisal dividend to shareholders of \$1.50 per share on 24,000 shares\$ 36,000.00

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., \$359 911.42 count on the 31st December, 1909, was \$1 149,share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$72,000 and that a bonus of 20% be paid to con-

DIRECTORS.

AUDITORS. The annexed accounts have been audited by

Hongkong, 26th March, 1959. BALANCE SHEET, ON THE 31ST

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From St. John or Quebec. "EMPRESS OF IRELAND FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH, " "EMPRESS OF IRELAND" FRIDAY, MAY 7TH.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGA-TION CO., LD.

PROJECTED BAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,-SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

TIENTSIN VIA SWATOW, WEI-] CHIPSHING* ...SUNDAY, 28th Mar., Daylight, S'GAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.8UISANG*.....MONDAY, 29th Mar., 4 P.M. SHANGHAITUESDAY, 30th Mar., 4 P.M. SHANGHAI-....TINGSANGTHURSDAY, 1st April, Noon, S'GAI'URE, PENANG & CALCUTTA. L'AISANGTHURSDAY, 1st April, 4 P.M.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

OCCUPYING 24 DAYS. The steamers Kutsang, Nameang and Fooksang leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Bea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Riectric Light. A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to MATHESON & CO., LD.,

Telephone No. 61.

General Managers. Dongkong, 27th March, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STRAMERS,	TO SAIL.	
SHANGHAI PAKHOI & HAIPHONG HONGAY MANILA	"GHENAN"" "BINGAN"" "HUPEH"	28th Mar, I 28th , I 25th , I	Daylight. O A M. Daylight. P.M.
SHANGHAI SHANGHAI MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	Ist April, 4 Ist	P.M. Daylight, P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS	"CHANGSHA"	8th	P.M.

S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUI." AUSTRALIAN STRAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Taymanian Ports. MANILA TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS and TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloon:

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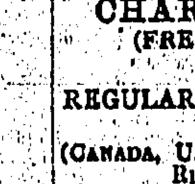
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THE Steamship

Captain J. D. Andrews, R.N.R., carrying His Maesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's B.B. Malwa, triopo tens, from Colombo Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong. Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., wil be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. Morea, due in London on 14th May, 1909 -Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contexts and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to R A. HEWRTT. Superintendent Hongkong, 20th March, 1909.

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FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at Timor, Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelalde, New Zoaland, Tasmania, &c.)

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"EMPIRE." Captain Helms, will-be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, at Noon,-This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply-of-Frosh-Provisions, ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Hongkong, 10th March, 1909.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS. LIMITED.

FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

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"GLAMORGANSHIRE" will be despatched as above about 10th April For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,

Hongkong, 4th March, 1909. REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast.)

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FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK: S.S. "DACRE CASTLE" ... About 20th April For Freight and further Information, apply

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED. Hongkong, 18th March, 1909.

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THE New Twin Screw Stool Steamers

"KWONG TUNG" ... Capt. H. W. WALKER. "KWONG SAI" Cap'. E. S. CROWK. Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every

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For further particulars apply to the Agent-MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. Hongkong, 4th March, 1909

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship " FLINTSHÎRE "

will be despatched as above on or about the For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.; Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909.

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YOKOHAMA. THE Company's Steamship

"ERNEST SIMONS," Captain Girard, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 29th For Freight or Passage, apply to

P. DE CHAMPMORIN, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909.

THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL FOR-NEW-YORK.

-(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast), THE Steamship "NORMAN PRINCE"

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Cauliflower, Medium size-Cheung Yeh Choi-laeach Cauliflower, Small size-Sai Yeb Chorfa Carrots-Kam Shun Celery, Chinese-Tong Kan, Choy

Celery, White-Pak Yeung Kan Choi... Chilles, Dried-Con Lat Chiu Hang Fa 11 Curry Stuff, English-Ra Lee Choi Lin Cucumbers-Cheng Kwa Bitter Squash-Fu Kwa Garlie Suen Tau.....

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Japan—Bank T.T. per H.K. Stod,.74	M. Fobster, Slack, Rev. G. Lusor, Messrs. G. W., R. and O. Morton. From Malta-Mrs. S. Lower From Port Said-Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield.	Devanha Singapore P. & O. Co Mar. 31 Peking Singapore M. & Co Mar. 31 Wakamiya M Singapore N. Y. K., April 1 Takasaki Maru Moji N. Y. K April 1
4 months sight L/C	Per Choysang, from Shanghai, &cMessrs. Enwright, Donaldson.and Ninety.	Takasaki Maru Moji N. Y. K April 1 Benalder Singapore G., L. & Co April 1 P. Sigismund Yap M. & Co April 2 Tango Maru Japan N. Y. K April 4
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SHIPPING AND MAILS	Per Prins Waldsmor, for Manils, New Guines and Australian ports-Miss G. Credner, Commander E. E. Weight, Mr. and Mrs. J. A.	H.M.S. Fame
MAILS DUE Indian (Lalsang) 28th inst.	Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. V. Wnstrack, Inspector Kriele, Messrs, G. Innes and family, W. J. Fordney, EC. Atkinson and party. Harr.	Tarlac
French (Ernest Sintons) 29th inst. English (Devanha) 31st i 1st., 2 p.m.	Burgers, Karlowa, H. Schamann, H. Johnson, D. J. Pennos, C. Magillyanddy, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cole, Mr. V. G. Alberto and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Remington, Messrs G. Ber-	Progress
The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. China arrived at San Francisco on 23rd inst. The s.s. Rubi left Manila on 27th inst., and	narde, A. G. Anderson, F. Shemke, G. H. Lewis, F. Oertel, and 28 Chinese. Per Goeber, for Shanghal—Count de Her-	CIIINA COAST MUTROHOLOGICAL REGISTER.
Is due here on 29th inst., at 6 p.m. The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Monteagle atrived at Vancouver on 25th inst., at 10 p.m.	Chove, Director Figg, Measrs, K., E. Krol, A. Widmann, F. A. Hammond, H. J. Wallen, D. S. Jephson, F. J. Howard, Saharif, Miss G.	Bar. Th. Hu. Wind Wr. Vladlyostock. 7 a.m. 30.16 21 60 NE 1 C Nemuro 6 a.m. 30.04 — N 4 —
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mund lest Y.p to day, a m., and may be expected bere on and prox. The C. P. R. Co.s s.s. Empress of China	Son, A. Bazen, L. Destabenu, and Mr. and Mrs. Mori. For Yokohama-Messrs. O. Hahn, F. Weddingen. O. W. Erbsloch. Fo Oven.	Nagasaki , 30.39 — — 0 — Kagoshima , 30.35 — N 4 — N 2ba , 30.36 — N 8 — N 2ba , 30.36 — N 8 —
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Singapore for this port on 26th inst., at 5 p.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here on 31st inst., at 2 p.m.	STEAMERS, Aldenham, Br., s.s., 3,808, St. John George, 3rd Mar.,—Yokohama 23rd Feb., and Kobe 28th, Gent—G., L. & Co.	Hongkong roalm 30 40 65 59 N 1 0 Victoria Peak ,, — — NNE 3 — Gap Rock , 30.34 — — ENE 6 — Macao
THE WHATHER. The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg.	-Alasia, Gar. a.s., -3,976, J. Ernst, 1st Mar., — Portland, Or. 28th Jan., and Moji 25th Feb., Flour. —P. & A. S. S. Co.	Wuchow 9 a.m. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
Director of the Hongkong Observatory:— On the 27th at 11.50 a.—The barometer has risen considerably over Japan, and fallen over	Amara, Br. s.s., 1,56; Mattock, 22nd Mar.,— Hongay 20th Mar., Coal.—M. B. K. Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 997, Le Bail, 16th Mar.,— Sargon 12th Mar., Rice.—Man Fat.	Phulien 8 a.m. 30.38 57 — NNE 2 0 Tourano , 30.19 72 — NE 2 0 C. St. James. , 29 91 81 — NNE 1 0 Aparri 6 a.m. 30.11 72 — NE 4 d
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the N. part of the China Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending	Mar.,—Vancouver via Tacoma and Ku- chinoizu 21st Mar., Gen.—B. & S. Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,039, H. Pybus, R.N.R., 19th Mar.,—Vancouver 24th Feb	Viadivostock. 7 a.m. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. FORECAST.	and Shanghai 16th Mar., Mails and Gen. —C. P. R. Co. Erroll, Br. s.s., 2,889, L. James, 28th Feb.,—	Tokio
and E. winds, fresh to moderate; fair. 2.—Formosa Channel, same as No. 1.	Bangkok 21st Feb., Ballast.—D. & Co., Ld. Pausang, Br. 8,2, 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 23rd Mar.,—Saigon 18th Mar., Meal, Rice and	Oshima 30.40 ME 2 - Naha 30.36 M 4 -
and Lamocks, same as No. 1. 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong	Gen.—J., M. & Co. Glenfarg, Br. s.s., 2,350, H. R. L. Holman, 220d Mar.,—Shanghai 19th Mar., Gen.—	Ishigakijima 30:33 — NE 2 — NW 6 —
Shipping.	C. P. R. Co. Gymeric, Br. s.s., 2,575, J. C. Hall, 22nd Mar., —Put back owing to some accident on the 21st Mar., Gen.—D. & Co., Ld.	Hankow 6 a.m. 30.37 37 53 E 2 0 Kinkiang 30.34 43 83 NE 1 0 Shanghal 9 a.m. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
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Mar.,—Shanghai via Swalow 21st Mar., Gen.—J., M. & Co. Clearances at the Harbour Office.	Lothian, Br. s.s., 3,222, W. J. Lockbart, 16th Mar.,—Singapore 10th Mar., Gen.—D. & Co., Ld. Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, G. S. Weigall, 21st	Tourane , 30.15 68 — NW 4 0 O. St. James. , 29.9; 75 — NNE 5 or Aparri 6 a.m 30.15 70 — NR 2 d Manila to a.m. 30.04 77 93 — 0 d
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Mongolia, for Shanghai. Jacob Diedericksen, for Pakhoi. Glenog's, for Amoy. Chiywan, for Shanghai.	Rigel, Am. s.s., 1,758, J. Svivest, 23rd Mar.,— "Manila 19th Mar., Gen. — Arratoon v.	Temperature
Choysang, for Canton. Hupeh, for Hongay. Joshin Maru, for Swatow.	Apcar. Shinano Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,570, F. Furukawa, 24th Feb.,—Moji 17th Feb., Coal.—N. Y. K.	Palatall Post Office.
Choselsi, for Swatow. Singan, for Pakhoi. Departures.	Shinano Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,960, K. Kawara, 21st Mar.,—Shanghai 18th Mar., Herring, Lead, Flour and Copper.—N. Y. K. Stettin, Br. s.s., 1,346, C. Sangster, 18th Mar.,	Correspondence for Europe, via Siberia, is forwarded from Hongkong by all yessels sailing for Shanghal.
Mar. 25. Mongolia, for San Francisco. Brisgavia, for Shanghai. Pelchaburi, for Bangkok.	Geo. McBain. Sui Sang, Br. s.s., 1,795, W. D. Welsh 21st	Approximate times of closing malls at Shanghal via Dainy and Siberia.
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Charleston, Am. fligship, for Amoy. Cleveland, Am. cruiser, for Amoy.	5th Mar., Yokohama 17th, Kobs 18th, and Nagasaki 20th, Gen.—T. K. K. Tjibqdus, Dut. 2 s., 2,295, P. Zwart, 14th Mar.,	Swatow—Per Halmun, 28th Mar., 9 A.M. Hongay—Per Hupek, 28th Mar., 9 A.M. Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per Singan, 28th

Galvestin, Am. cruiser, for Amoy.

Passengers arrived.

Per Haimun, Irom Swatow—75 Chinese.
Per Nubla, for Hongkong from London—Mr. F. Hazeland, Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton, 2 Children and nurse, Mr. H. Nicolson, Miss Hocker, Mrs. MacDonald, Misses A. Ross, G.

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Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar Per Tilbodas, 29th Mar, 11 A.M.

Macao—Per Sul Tar, 20th Mar, 1,15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutte—Per Sulsang, 20th Mar, 5 P.M.
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4	Islands, St. Peter's	Church.	maid Comrie, R. C. Condon, H. L.			Dr. O. Aiss K. A. , Mrs. R. T.	Lahmann, Mr. & Mrs. Z	iyles, H. V.
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16	Morning - Prayer II.	a.m., Venite; Hooper, om; Woodward, Bene-	Cozzino, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Debray, Mada	& Mrs.	McKean, McMillan Mead, Mi	Mrs. W.	Bayard, Li Col. and K	conedy, Mr.
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	The Church launch A ships carrying white c	Dayspring will call on larger to bring friends	Fuller, Stuart Fulton, H. A. Goll, J.		Packer, B	1.	Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Miss Carter & Cousland, A.	foreno. A.
	ashore to the services bam, and between 5.15. Police Pier, 10.30 and 6	and 6 p.m., (Kowloon, p.m.), returning after-	Greenfield, M. Hayes, G. V.	r. & Mrs	Skinn, A. Smith, Cr	J. owther	Darling, Col.	icolaisen, Mr. Dre. I. W.
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•	Docks, Wharves & Godowns.									
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	Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld	60,000			{ \SD,000	וֹר "				
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	Hongkoog-Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$ 50	\$50	5648,975			7-7	\$84 sellers	
	Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$250,000 \$ 281,172"	25,471	Final of \$31 making \$7 for 1908	7 %	\$100	B
 · .	Ko-loop Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$10 \$50	Sto Sto	34\$ 261	15 .86	A STATE OF THE STA	7 %	\$8.65 buyers	
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	Dalry Farm Company, Limited	125,000	210	310	\$10 3,000 \$10,000 }	\$3,407	80 cents for Toc 8	84 Z	191 buyers	1 (V)
	Green Island Cement Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 g	\$6	\$8,000 }	\$48	SI.30 for year ending 31 7.08	5 2 %	5142 buyers	_
	H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	Sio Sio	210.	\$12,000 \$5,000	\$5.078 \$251	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	97 Z [Sof sellers	
	Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	21,000 60,000	\$20	Sio	\$186,000	\$8,957	\$2 for year ending 28.2.08		\$23} sales	
	Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$10 \$25	\$16 \$25	1150 ann	\$9,321	\$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 20.2.08	G 7	\$185 buyers \$190 sellers	
	ploitatio in Langkat, Limited	25,000 (\$10	110	\$20,000	\$7,616 \$8,; ga	Final of \$15 per share making \$19 for 1908	9‡ % 8‡ %	\$74	
	Pask Trammavs Company I imited	25,000	Sa roo () Sio		Tis. 547,500 } Tis. 27,603 }		[4th Quarterly div. of Tis. 10 and bonus of] Tis. 10 making Tis. 50 to date	63.%	Tir. 787 buyers	
	Peak Tramways Company (now)	50,000 75,000	.\$10 .\$10	Sio.	\$5,000 none	\$7,471	So cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on?	6 2	1.514	
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	Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Γls, 20 Τ	ls. 20	Tis. 24,820)	Tis. 6,60g	Final of Tis. 4 making Tis. 78 for 1907	61.7	Tis. 215 buyers	
	Shanghal Waterworks Company, Limited	16,250	₹20	£20	Tis. 75,000 } Tis. 190,000	Tis. 8,493	Final of Tis. 9 making in all Tis. 14 for 1907		Tis. 130 sales	
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	Union Waterboat Company, Limited	2,000	Ma, 100 T	18, 200 I	Tie, 15,295	Dr; \$56,652 \$236	40 cents for year ending 31.5.08	71 %	\$24 \$5\$ sales	
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